ME LAZERTE VOYAGEURS

2020

50 Years of LaZerte

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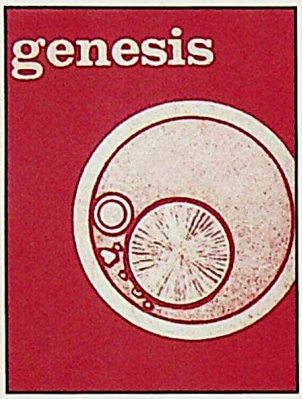
How to summarize 50 years in these few pages? As we began to research, we began to uncover many stories behind the pictures, stories that only made completion more difficult. Then there is the responsibility of putting this yearbook together knowing that it will be a point of reference years down the road. To add to this, the current challenges of our ever-changing world, and more specifically to our times, the transformation of media in the past few years.

We will try, and our hope is that you also uncover stories behind the pictures and share these with future generations. Our years in high school seem to influence and shape our lives, though it is only a fraction in our journey on this earth. We shall always cherish these moments.

M.E. LaZerte has grown and developed within its walls over these last 50 years. A collection of memories from the past and, present photos has been gathered for your enjoyment. Let us compare LaZerte's history full of celebration and laughter till now. As the old saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words. Even these pictures are not enough to express all that has happened, but it is certainly a worthy attempt. Fall2020, in addition we had this interruption in the Spring of 2020 that changed many things, and as we produced this book, is changing. The hope is to provide a snapshot of what these times have been.

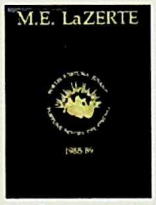
Voyageurs

Covers of LaZerte

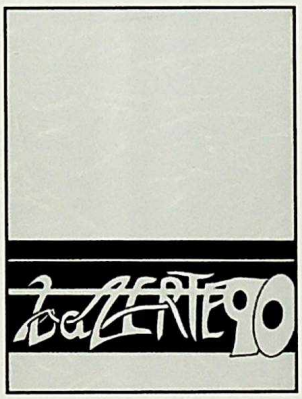


Over the last 50 years the school has evolved and along with it so has the yearbook. It all began 1971 with the aptly titled yearbook "Genesis", pictured on the left.

Most of the subsequent yearbooks were named 'Portage". No, the word those does not mean "yearbook" Actually, it is the technique depicted in the 1975 yearbook pictured above. More aligned with our name: M. E. LaZerte Voyageurs.



Pictured to the above is the 1987 yearbook featuring the title 'Back to the School Year (85-87)". The back cover was even captioned "To Be Continued..." Somehow the yearbook club (Ask about because something in it I don't like it.



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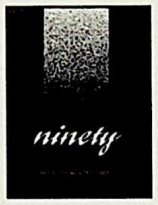

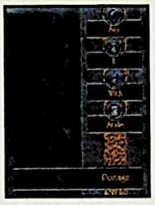

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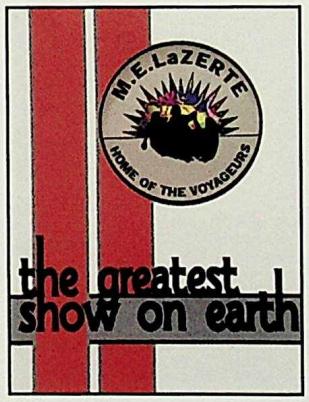
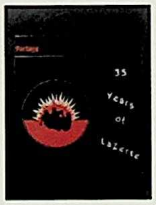
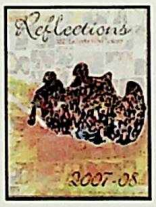
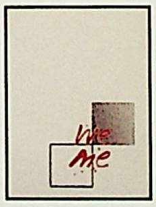
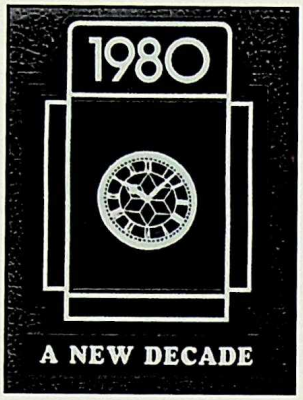


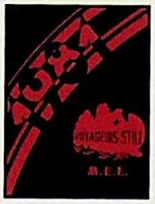


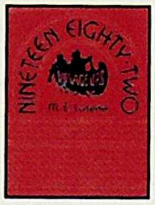


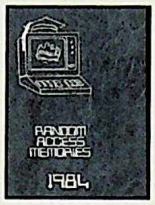


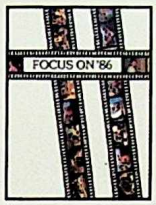
Most of the comments were written by Eric Luong, 2006, Class Valedictorian and Yearbook Contributor in 2005-2006. The page is an adaptation of pages 98-99 of that yearbook. (Pictured on left) That year the yearbook editors decided to have a 35 Years of LaZerte theme. They collected various old images of the school which will be republished in this edition as our school turns 50 years old.



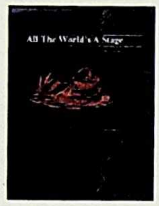


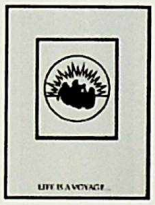




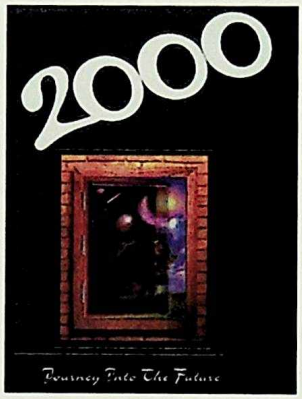


The 1980's brought us a lot of creative and entertaining covers. This decade always seems to be guilty pleasure for everyone. The silliness has aged well!



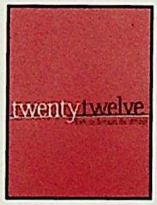


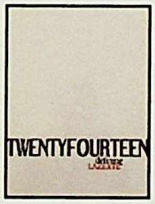
Missing, if you find it send one to the school

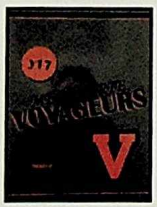


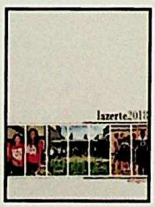
The late 1990's and early 2000's saw the yearbook being led by Greg MacCollum and they featured, for the most part, the original logo in an all black cover. Frank Candido was handed the responsibilities for the Yearbook and he took it in various directions allowing the students to express themselves artistically. In 2007, the yearbook was also published in an electronic version (CD) and it seemed to be the begining of a new way of keeping records of the school life.

The yearbook of (Y2K) pictured to the left had one of the most beautiful covers. With the caption "Journey into future) there was also a holographic scene into bright sunlit day.

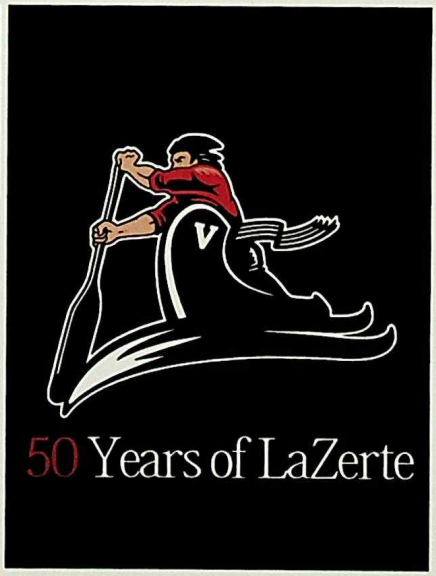








The 2007 Yearbook cover could have been the last one but the electronic trend ended abruptly as the end of CDs and DVDs was upon us . The last few years the decline has continued as Social Media has taken over. And in the words of Eric Luong, 2006: ...what does the future hold for future generations of Voyageurs? Only time will tell..."



Then and Now of LaZerte

our logos through the years

Our original logo which according to many, our canoe depicts the map of Canada. Look closely.

An attempt to incorporate the map of Canada with voyageurs in a strange canoe. Add the MEL and it created a unique and not so popular logo, it did not last long. (Early 2000's)

Various redesigns followed the in the 200's with the paddle taking center stage, and still trying to maintain the original. (2006)

A couple of years later an attempt to simplify the logo after a very busy 2006 design. It established our main color but it also did not last long.

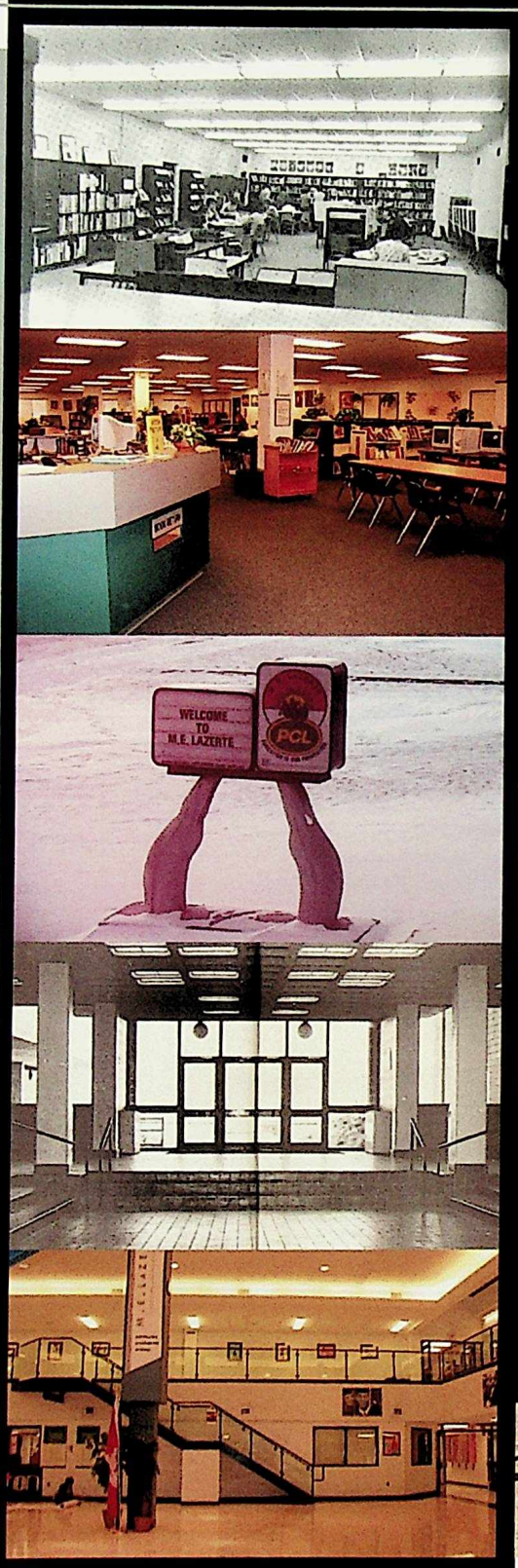
A new attempt at rebranding our school produced this new logo. This current logo is seen in our school today. (2014)

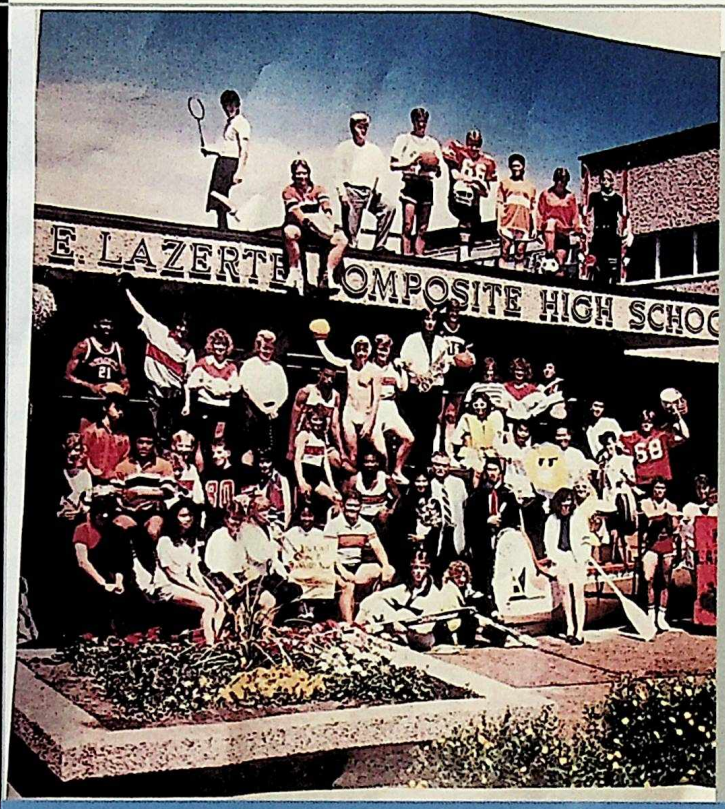
Shortly after, athletics felt the need for a more traditional and mainstream design. A student in a Digital Arts had the simple idea of having a V ...

... and after a few years it had caught on. The LaZerte was added to complete the logo.

The last two two logos drew the inspiration from previous logos and will be the one which we will use for the next few years, we hope.

Above. The Grey Cup made a visit to our school back in 2005. Right. Teachers pose for a begining of school year 50th Anniversary photo.

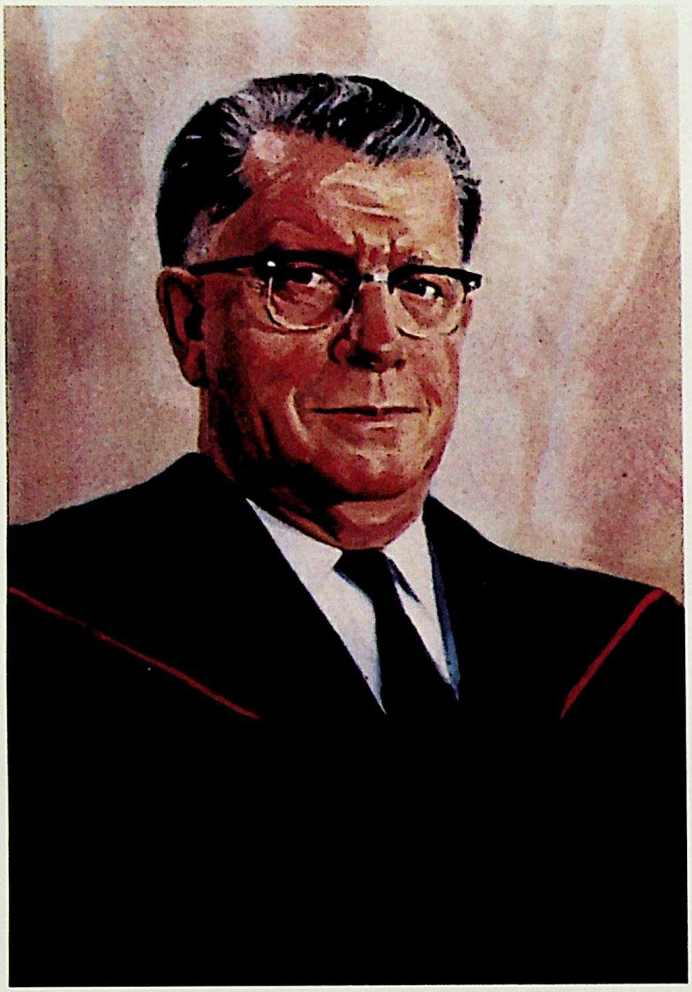




We had a little fun remaking a couple of pictures. That was then this now!

Milton Ezra LaZerte

1885-1975



Every teacher that learned the ropes of their profession in the University of Alberta's faculty of Education hose Adept of thanks to Milton Ezra LaZerte. The man who spurred on the creation of the undergraduate program that led to the University's first ever Bachelor of Education degree made an indelible mark on the city's scholastic landscape for almost sixty years.

LaZerte was born in tiny Dixton's Corners, Ontario on June 13th 1885. After earning his B. A. degree in honors mathematics and physics in 1904 at the University of Toronto, he headed west to attend Calgary Normal School, a teacher's academy.

Alberta needed motivated people to help set its course in not just education but all areas. LaZerte wasted little time moving up the ladder. After serving as the province's rural schools inspector from 1913 to 1920 (with a 3-year interruption for military service) and the city's School inspector for three years, he joined the University of Alberta staff in 1924. While there, he was granted his Masters in Education degree. Later he earned his Doctorate from the University of Chicago.

Left. Milton Ezra LaZerte while he worked at the United nations.

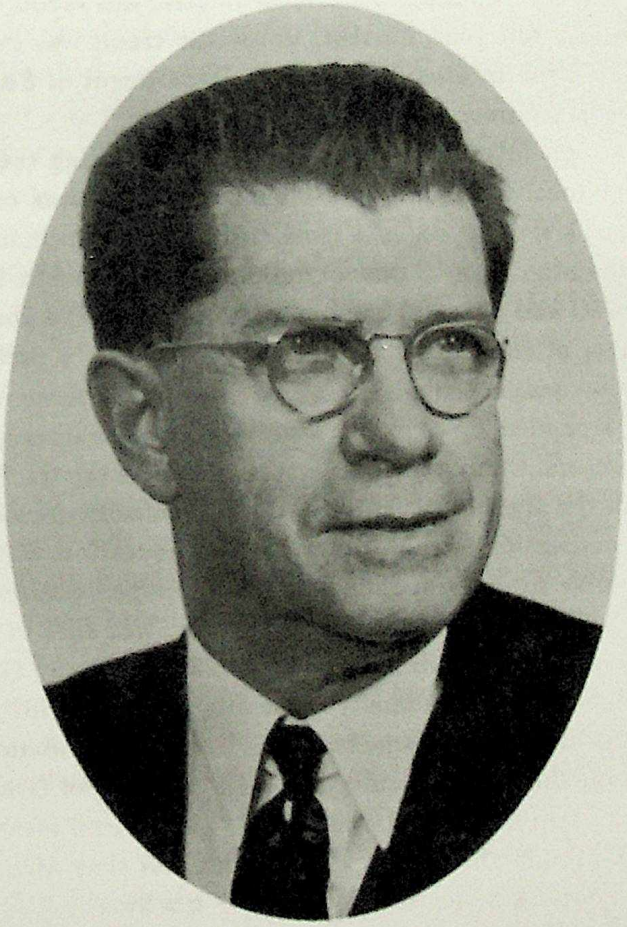
Below. The last official picture that was taken of Milton Ezra LaZerte.

LaZerte also became president of both the Alberta Teachers Association and the Canadian teachers Federation. He eventually became principal of the school's College of Education in 1940. That department became the faculty of education's two years later, and LaZerte, as the faculties first Dean, paved the way for the undergraduate degree program.

To this day, the university presents the M. E. LaZerte aaward to the top graduating student in its Faculty of Education.

Another history-making move occurred in 1949, we're all normal schools in the province closed leaving the university responsible for training Elementary School teachers. LaZerte took command in organizing and directing the first programs for total teaching at the University, before retiring as Dean in 1950.

But LaZerte's constant need to stay active made his golden years far from uneventful. From Dean of the Faculty of Education for the University of Manitoba to a three-year stint as an Edmonton Alderman and later chairman of the Public School Board, LaZerte maintained his influence. At age 85 LaZerte attended the official opening of the school named after him on November 27th, 1970, before retiring the following year.



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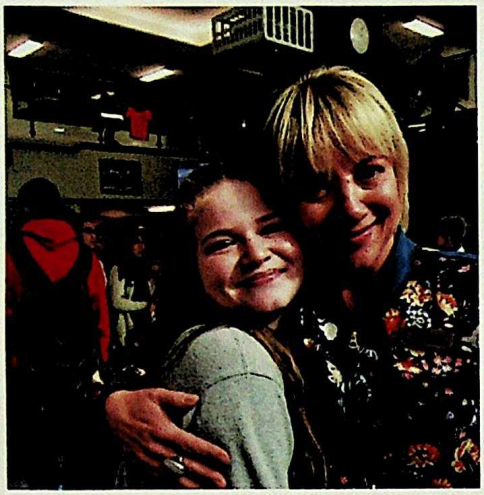

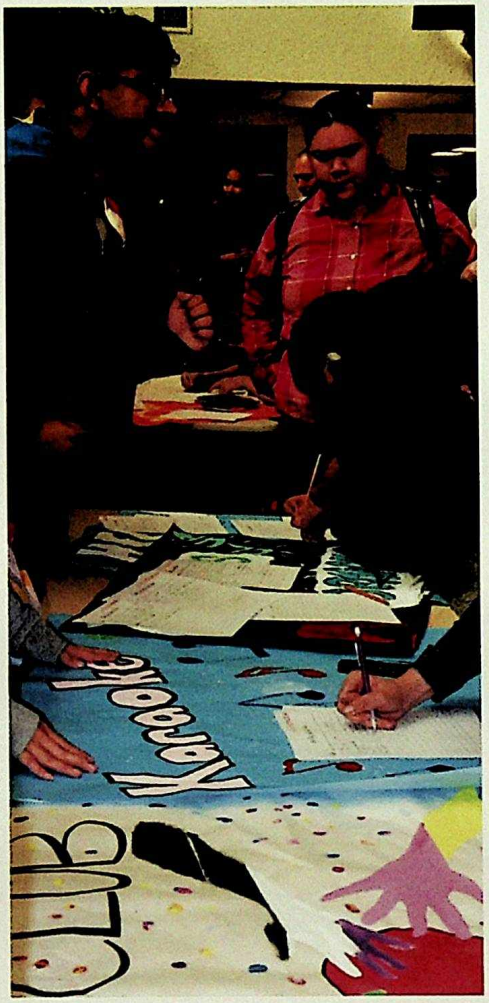
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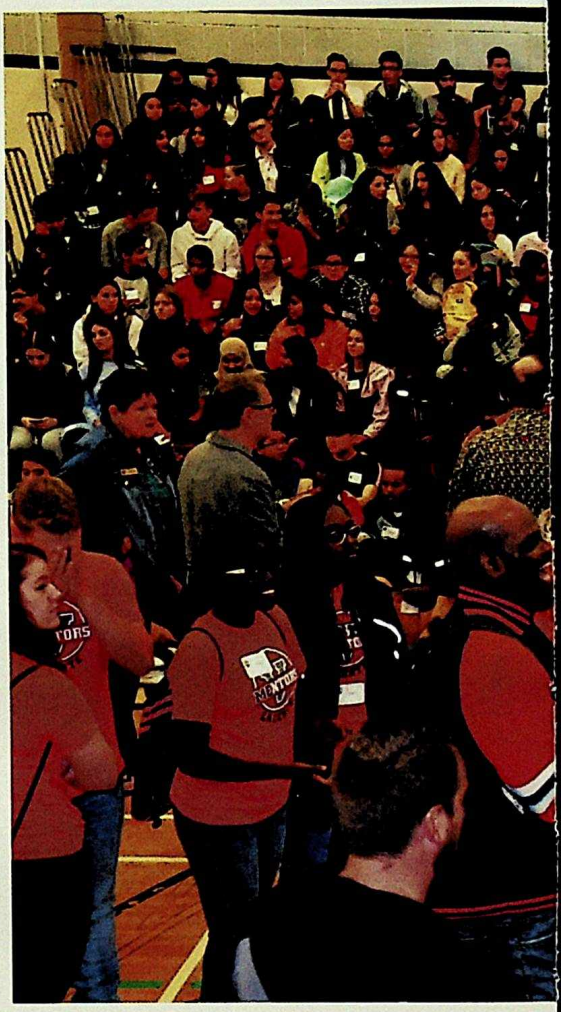

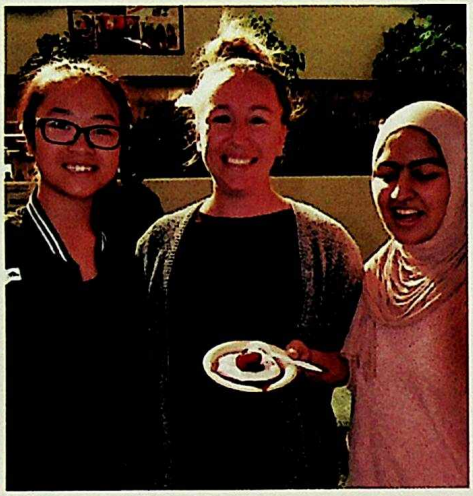

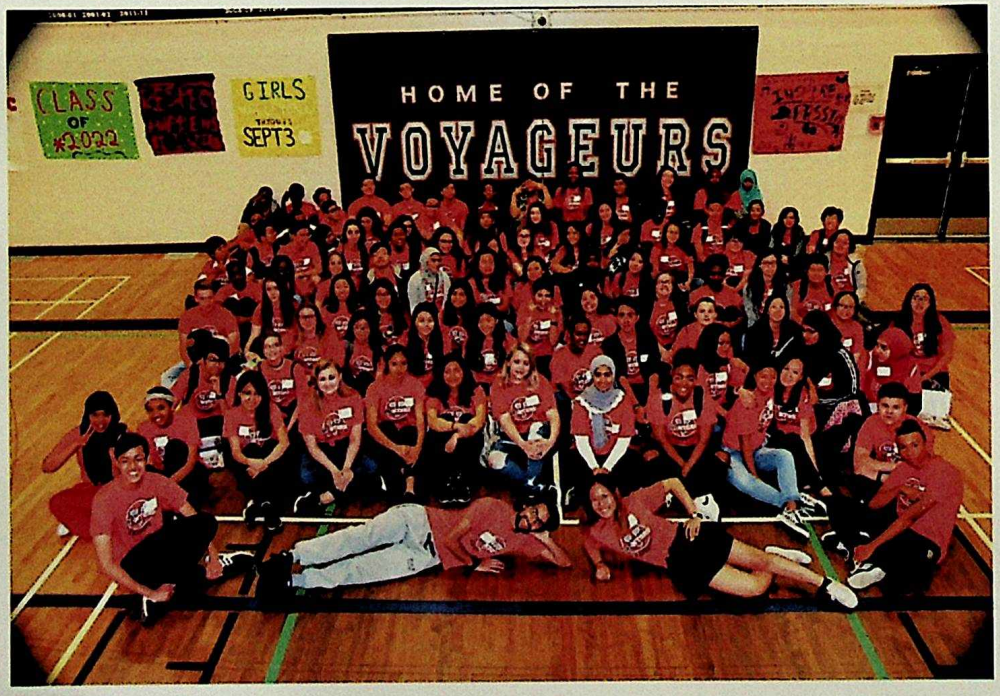
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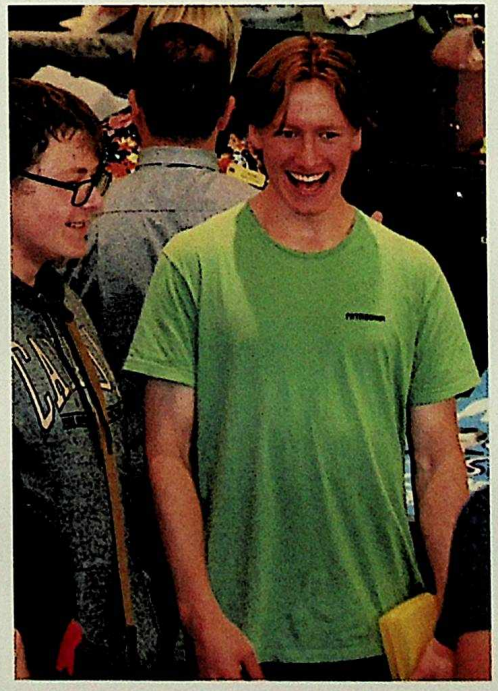

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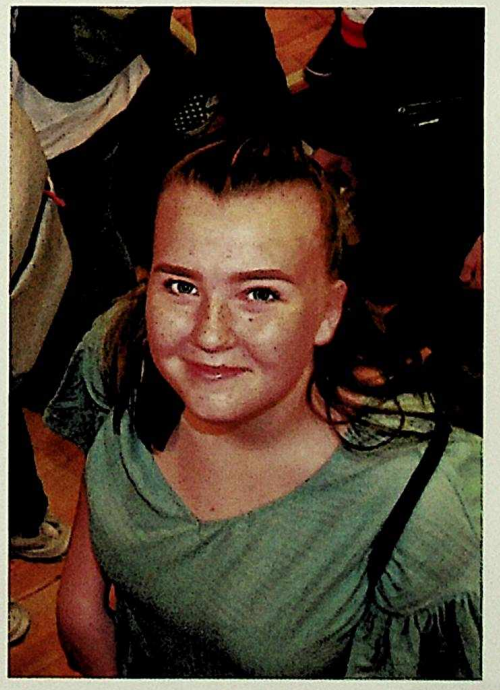

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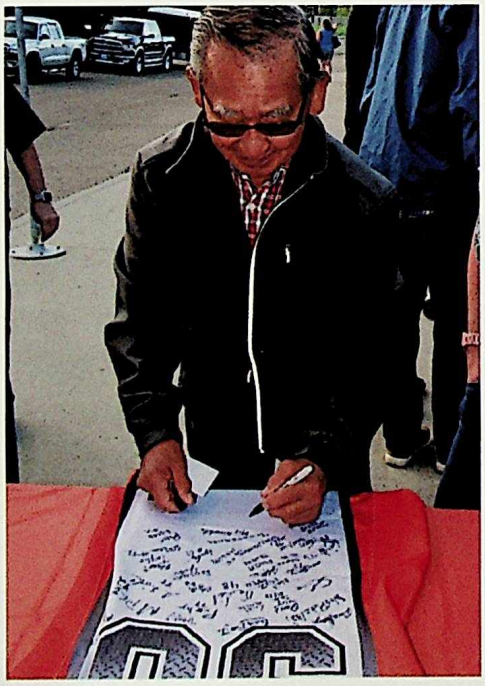

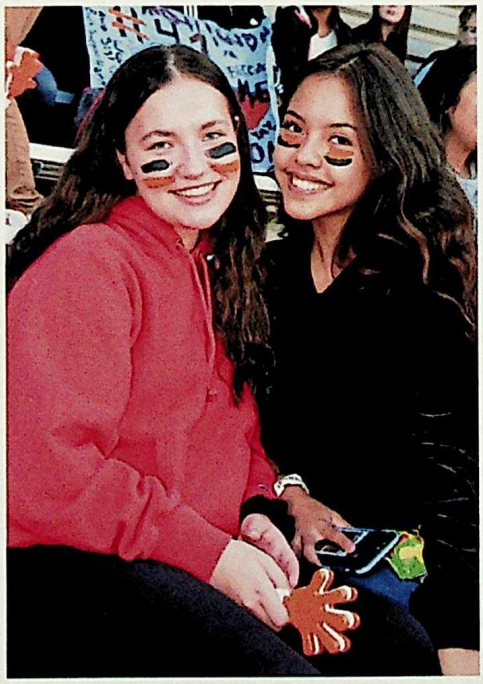

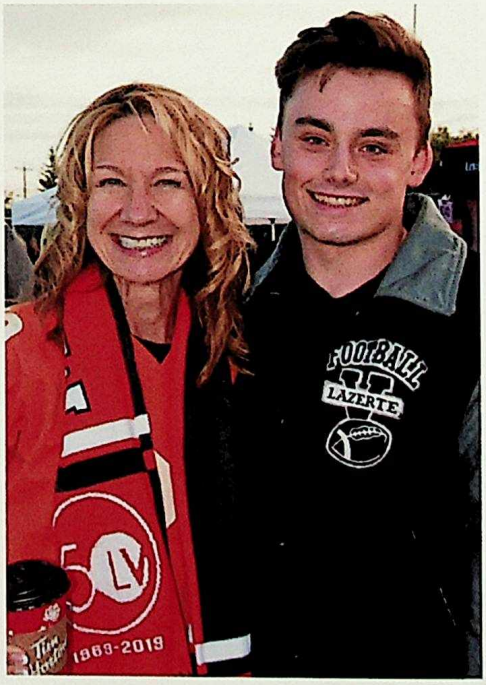

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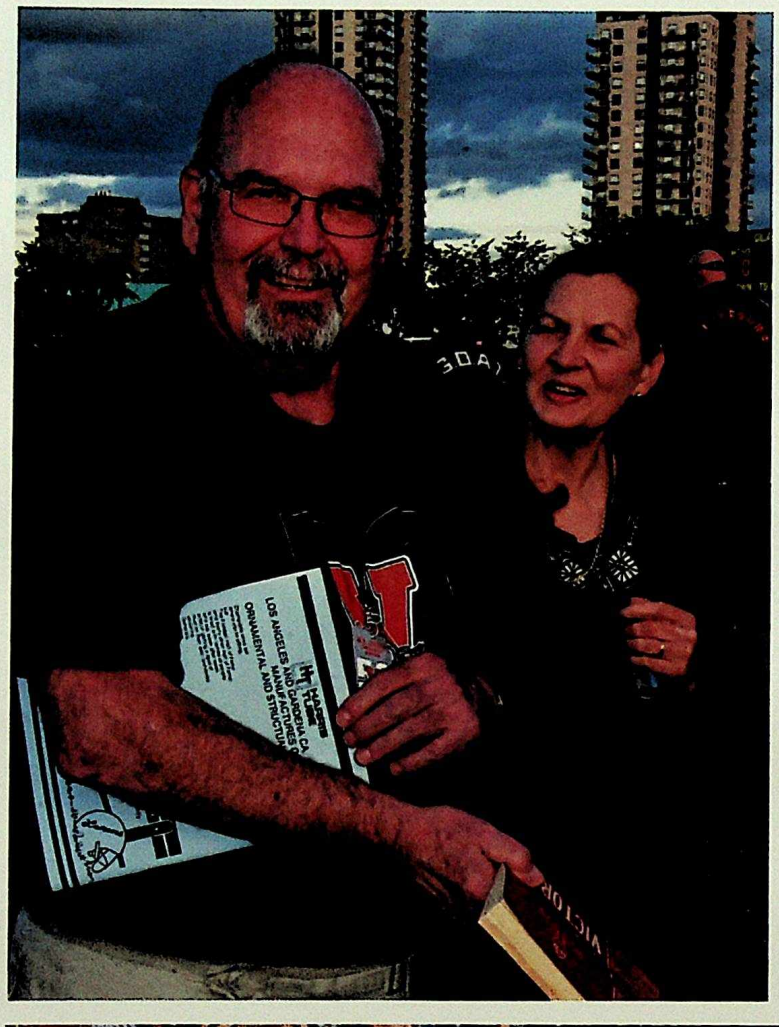
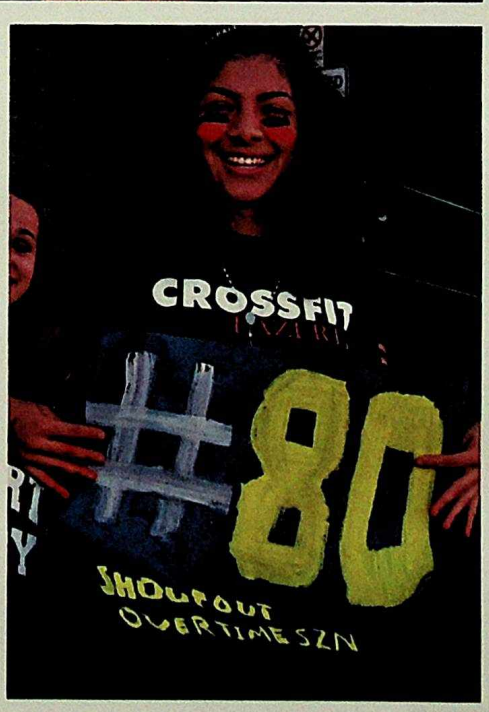


From 1983 to 2009 I had the privilege of being an educator and coach at school M. E. LaZerte, an amazing learning Institution! My years at ME provided me with many fabulous memories! I met some of the nicest and brightest students over the years. Our athletic teams were very successful and we had opportunities to be a bit different. We were Trailblazers, our football jamborees with a first in Alberta! We created any travel opportunities with our senior football team. In a 20-year period we travelled to the states 11 times and had reciprocal visits three times. These opportunities were very well received by players and parents! I only have pleasant memories of school. Our success were supported by great colleagues and administration!



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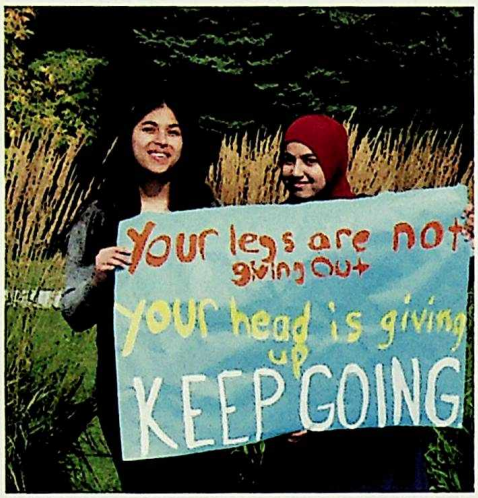
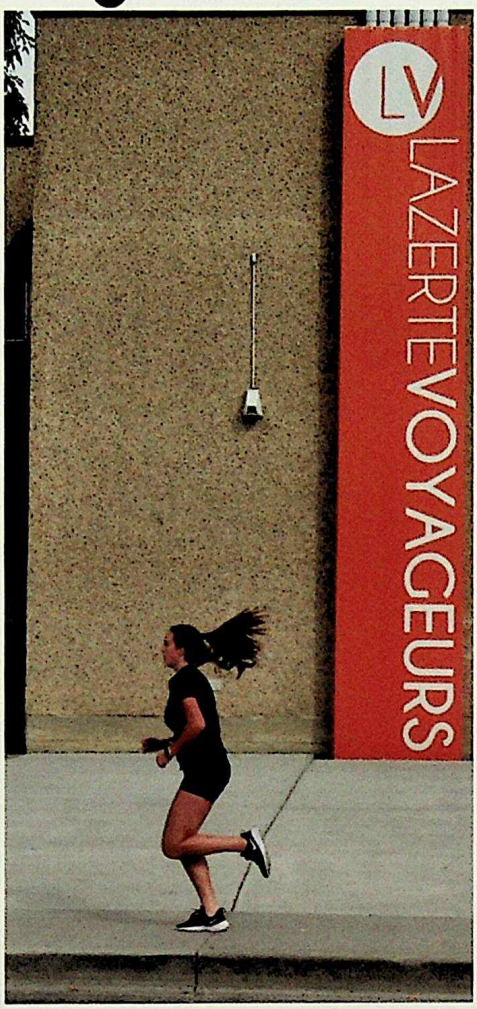
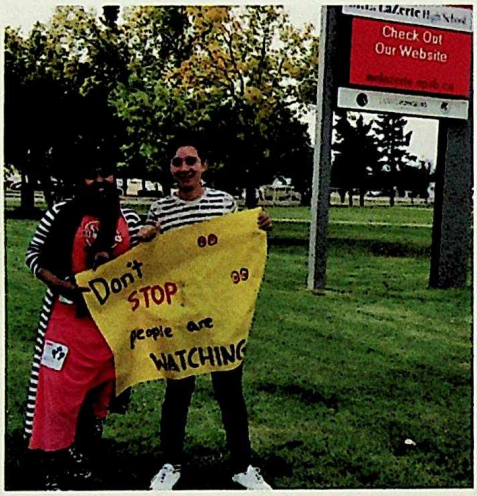
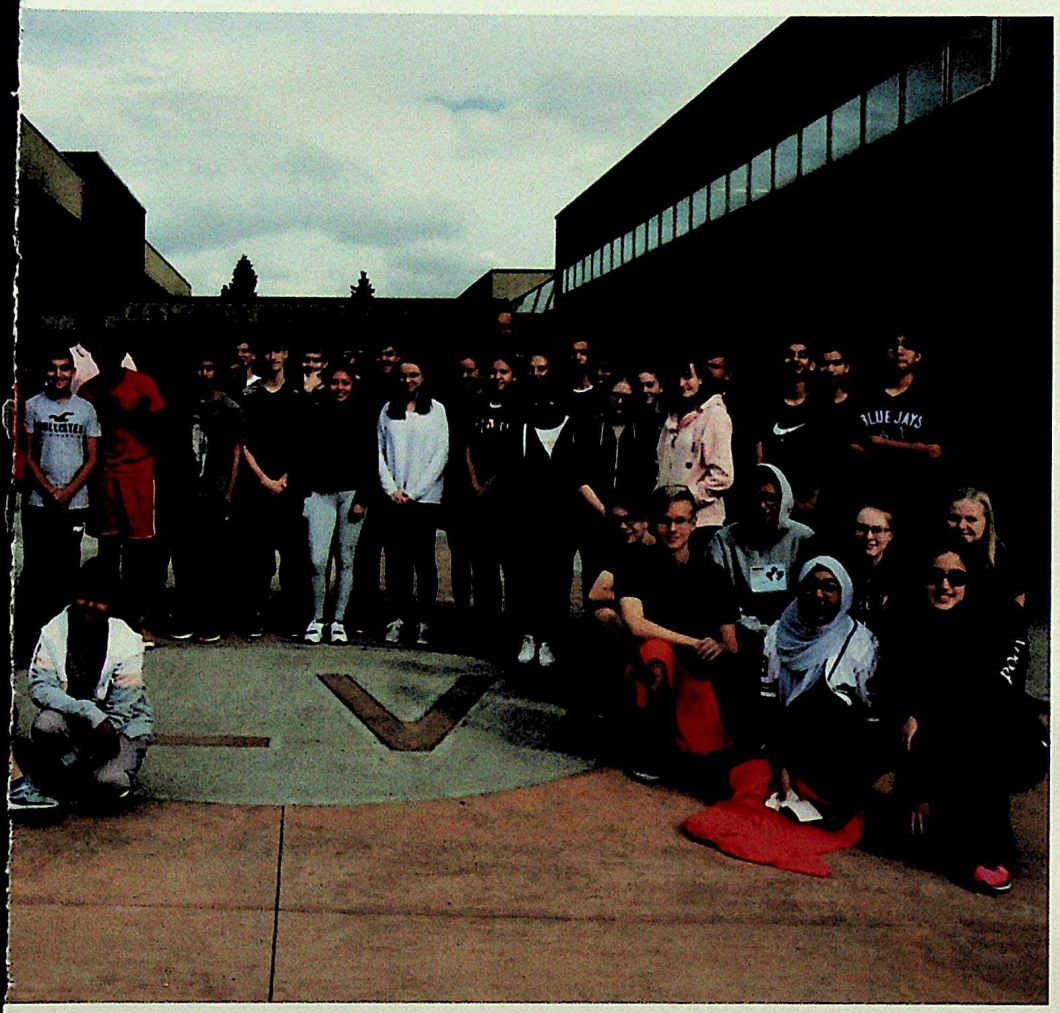


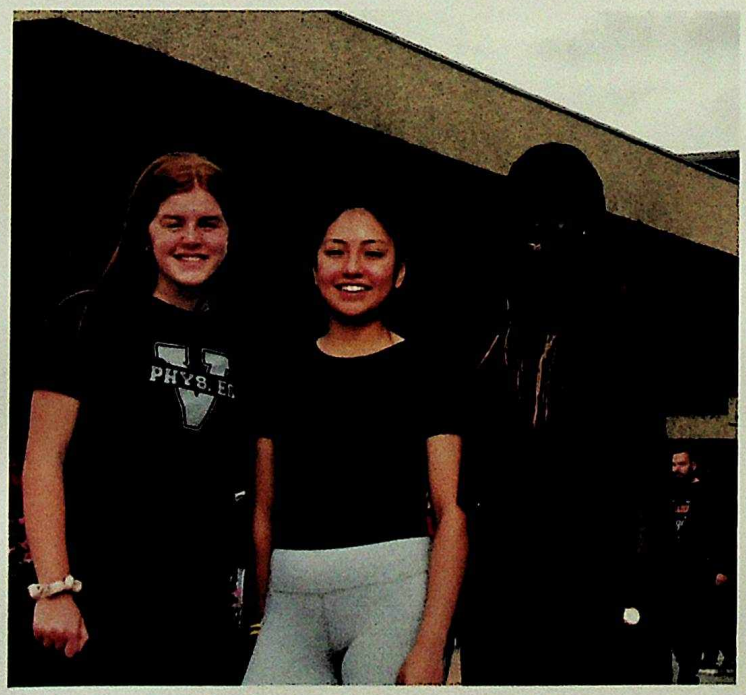


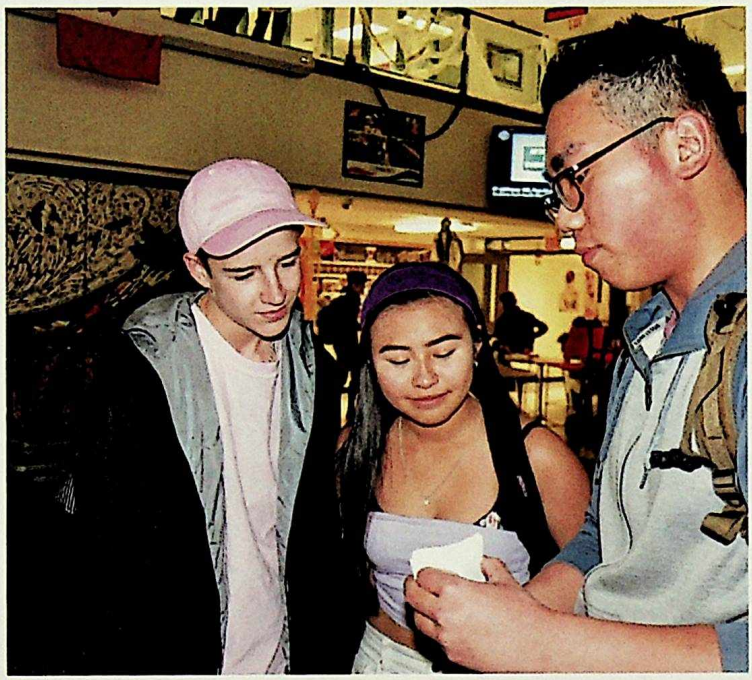


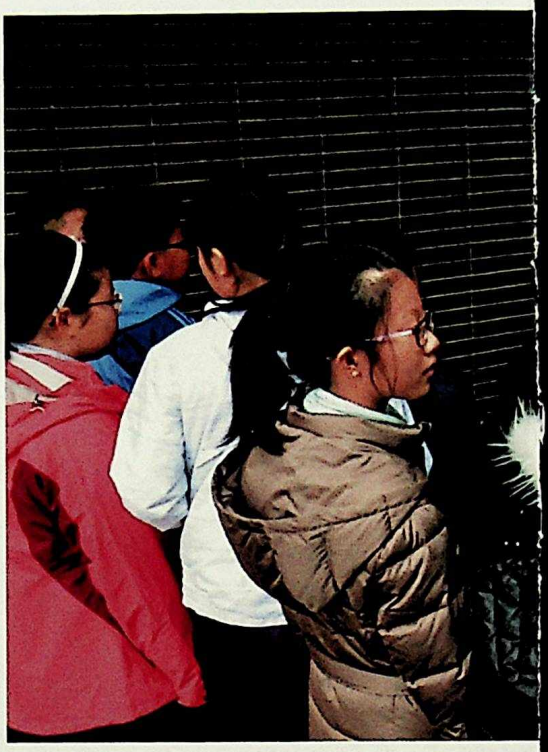


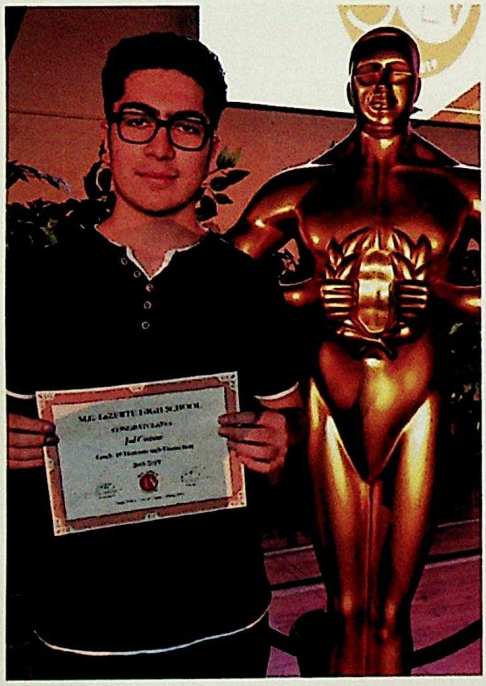
Toonies for Terry

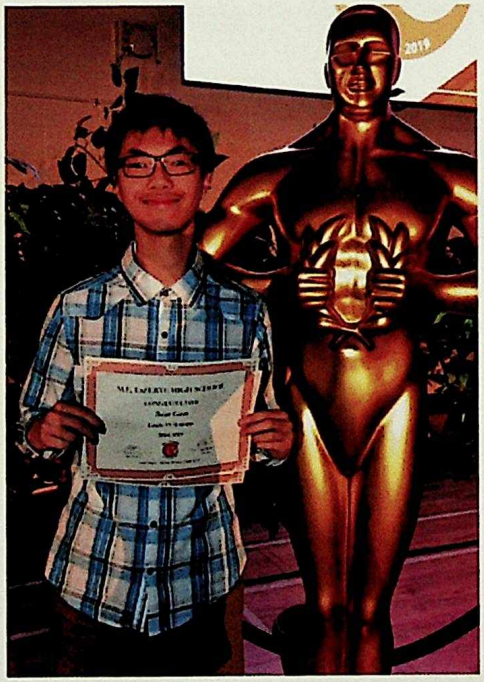
Our competitive Runners line up and pose for a photo in front of our school. At the end of the race, you see the winners male and female categories. Students from leadership also provide a lot of support the entire course off the Run. It is always a beautiful morning to run around their school.











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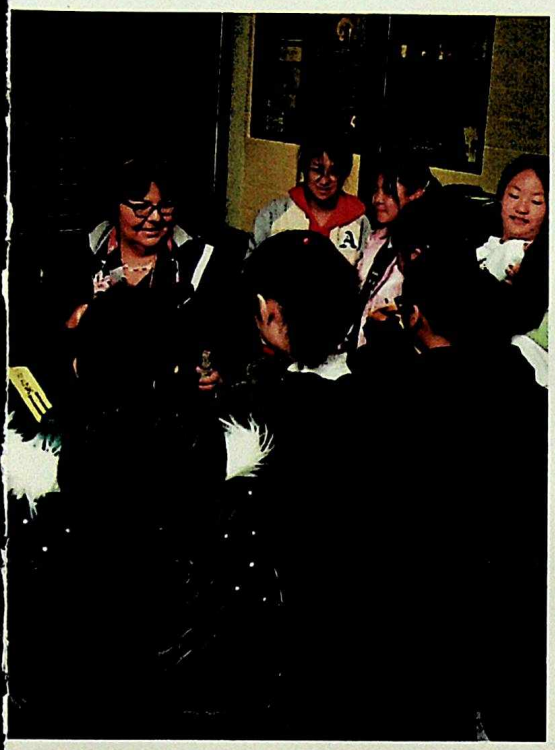
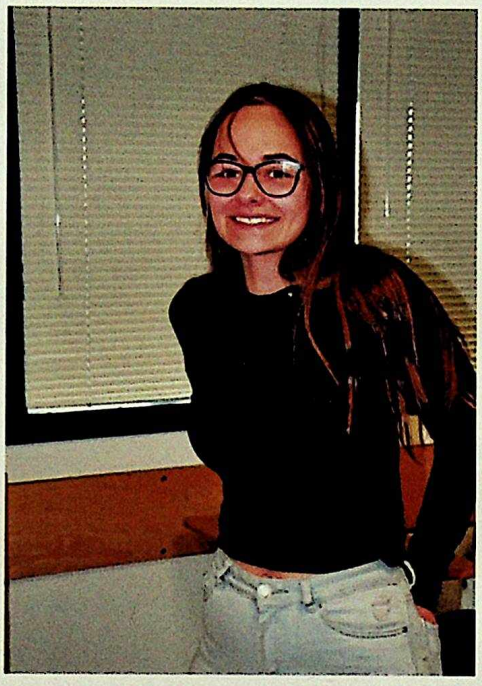
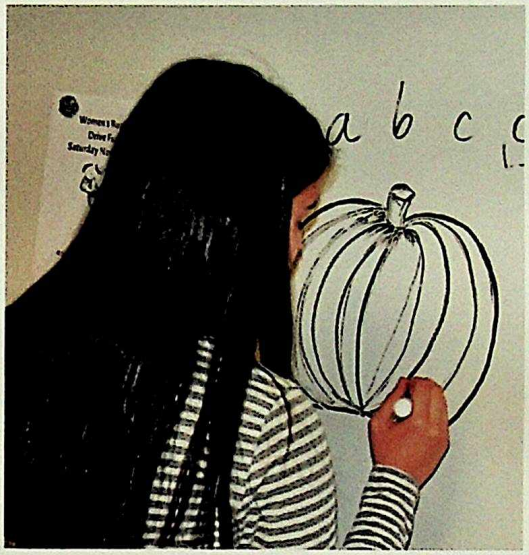
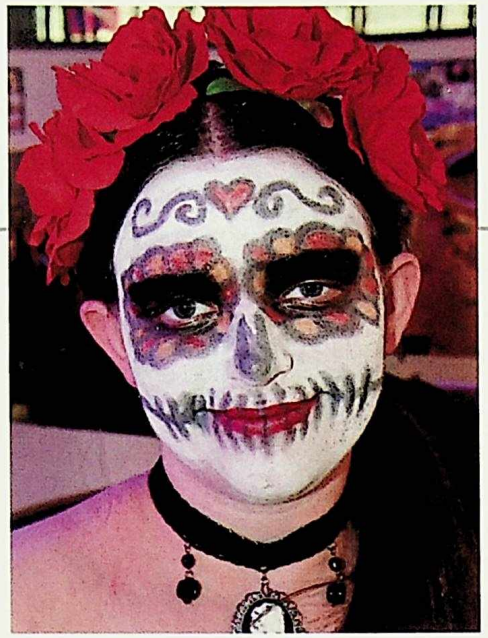
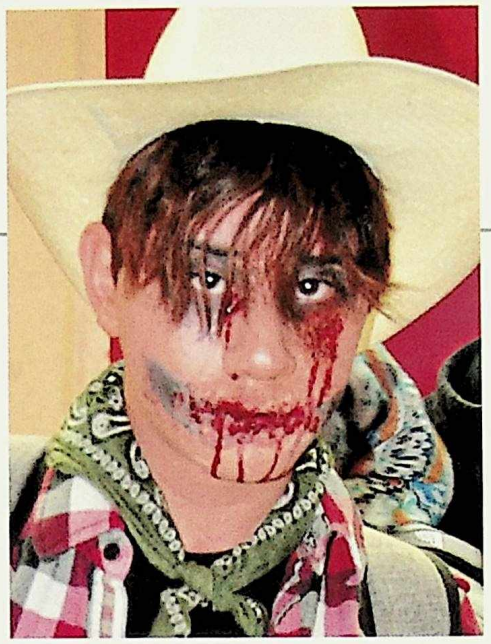






October is a month of growing as the seasons begin to change, so do we. With school now in full swing, we look forward to the small things that happen around the school, like Halloween sporting events and all things in between.





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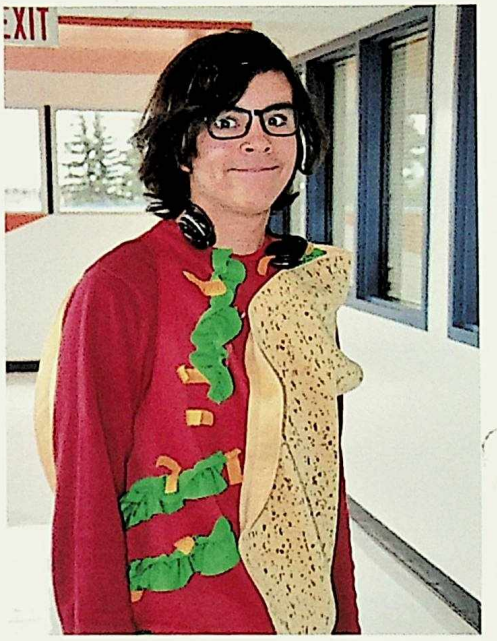
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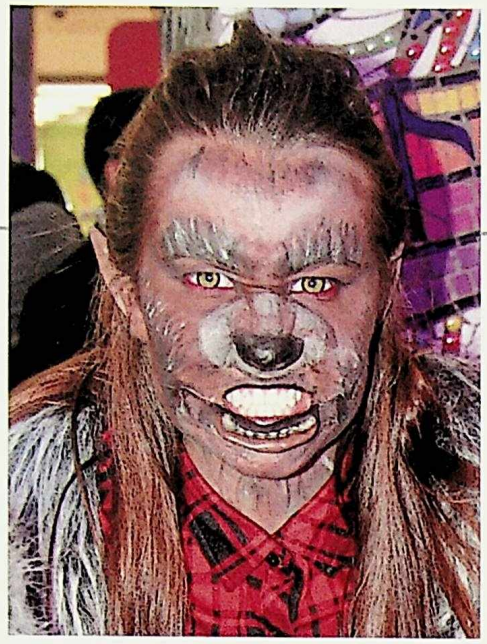

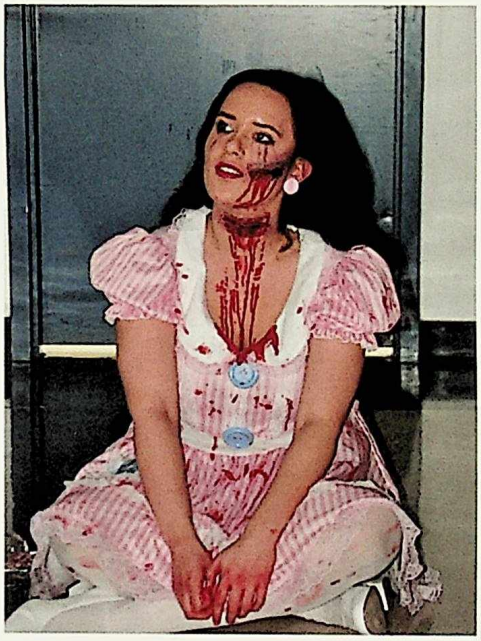
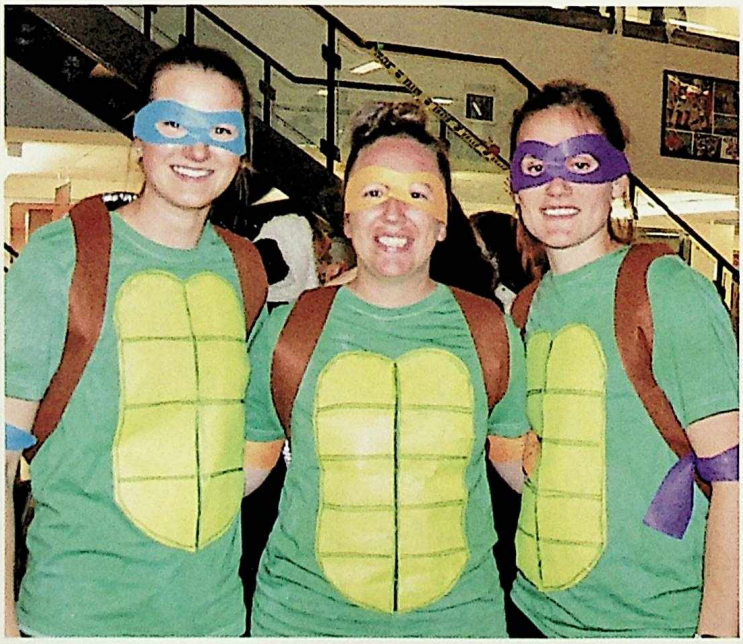

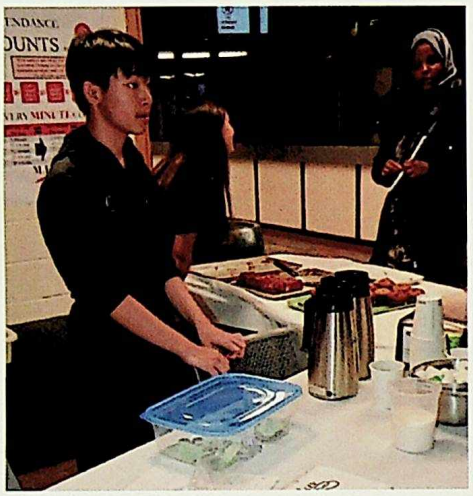

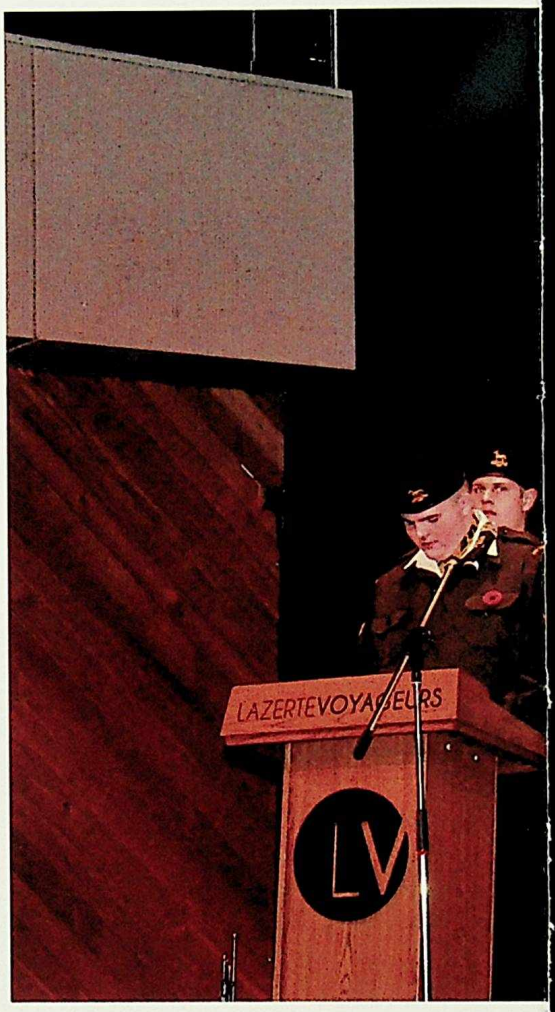
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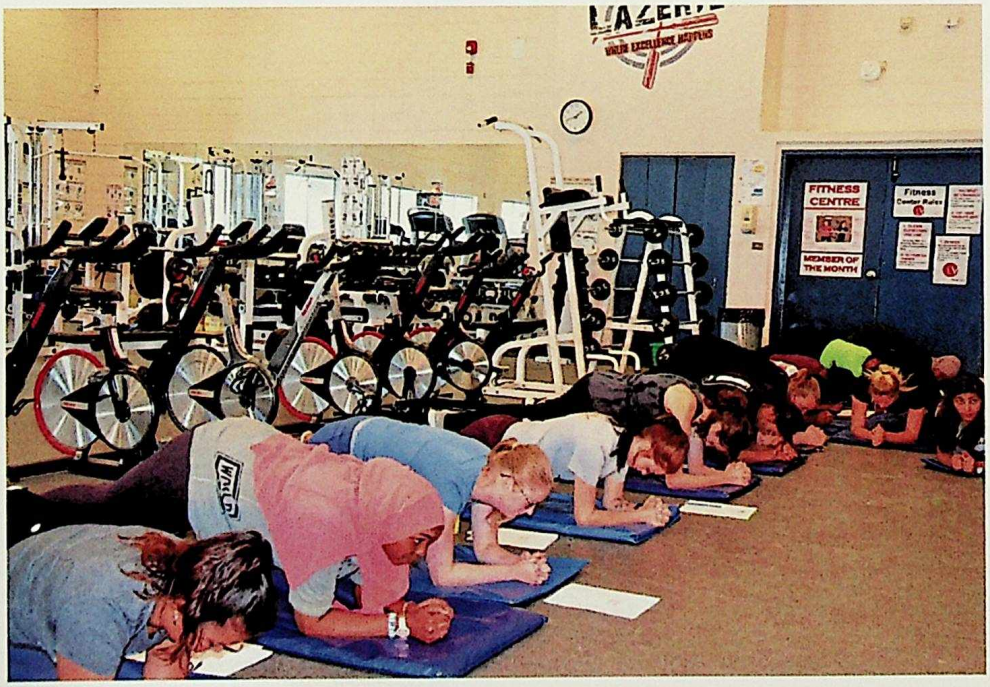
FITNESS CENTRE
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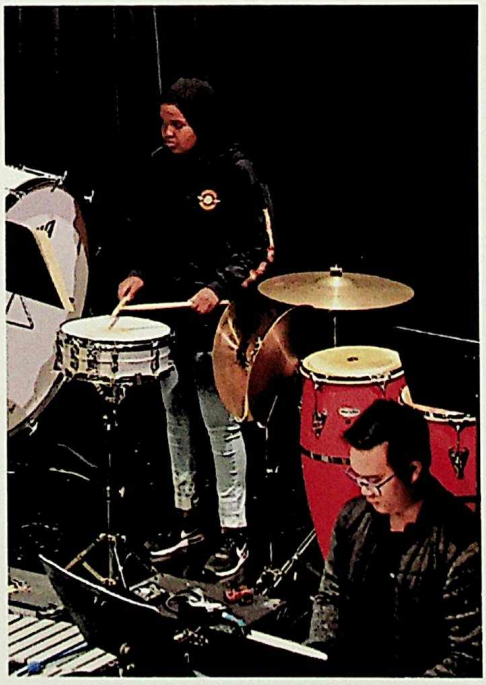
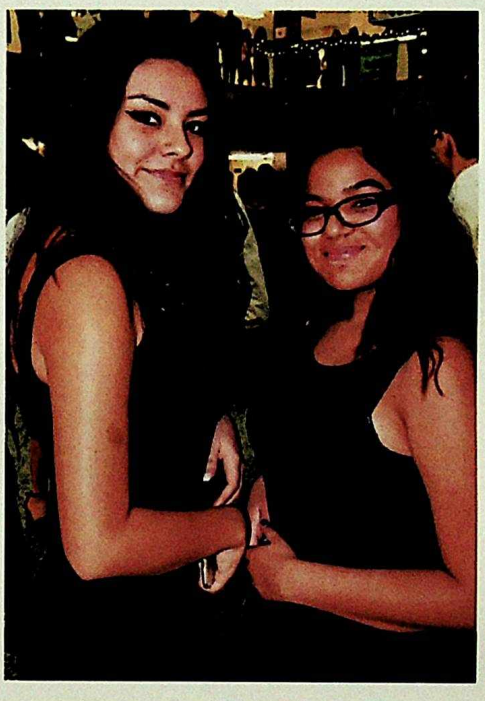


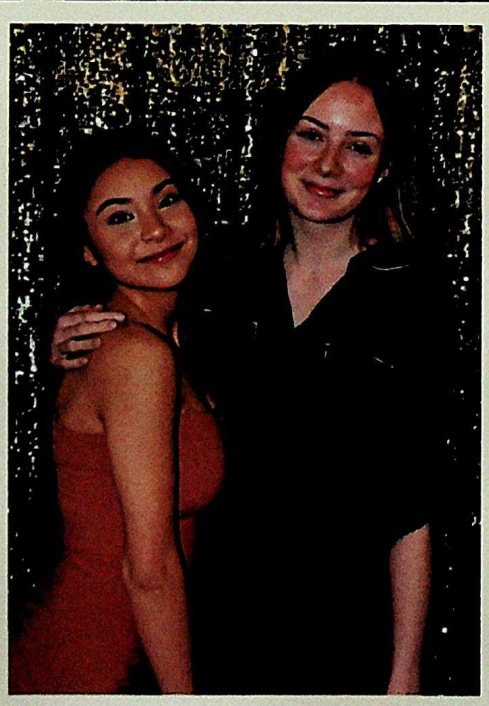
November

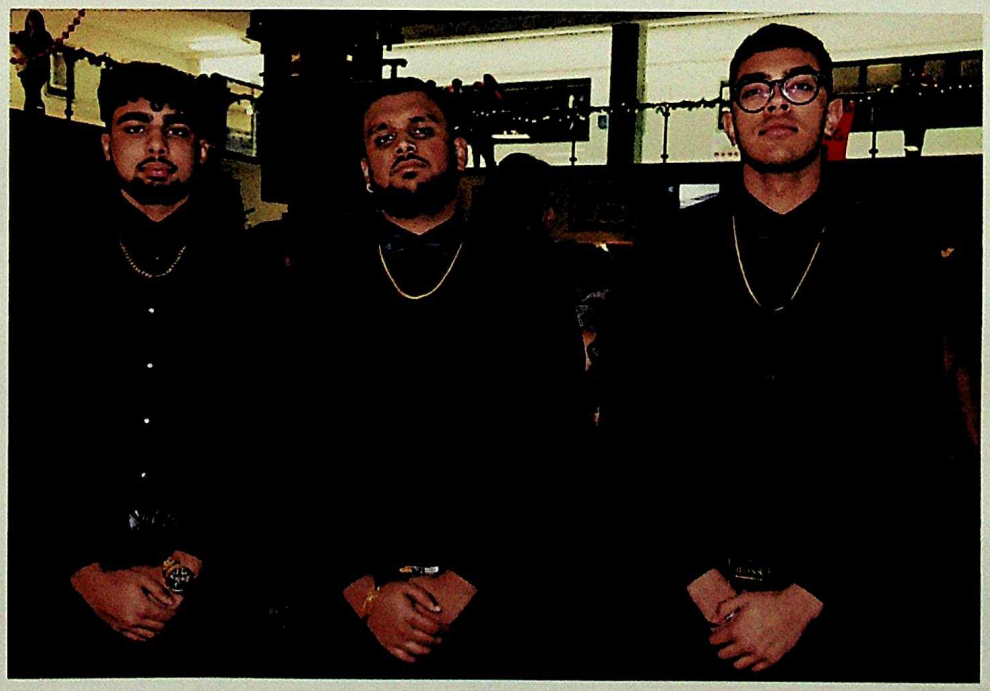
The astounding diversity of events at our school is evident when we look back at November. Remembrance Day celebrations were student led from our Theater. The debate club led by Mr. Semenuk took their talents to a meet. While Mr. Dauphinais lead in our music delighted us with a concert. The health and well-being of our students is also evident as Mrs. Moon leads a planking session in our amazing Fitness Centre.

December

Festive Formal







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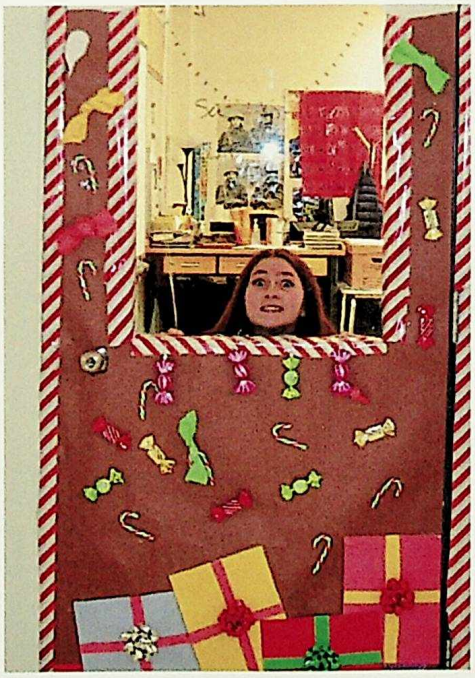
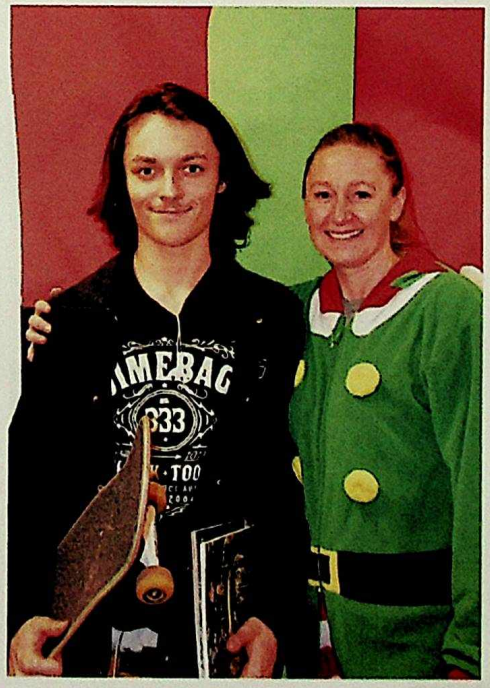
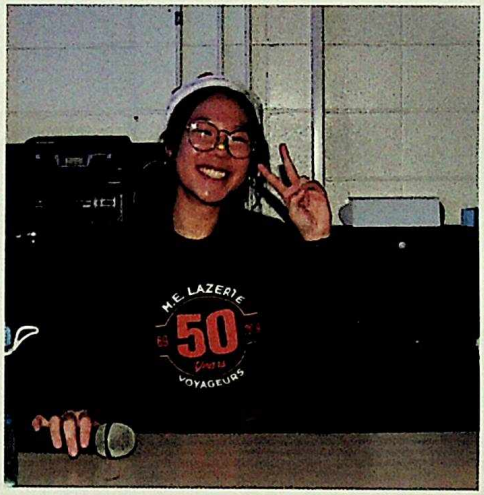


As we near the end of a New Year, December does not allow us to leave quietly. It is all smiles as teachers and students rejoice, probably because we get two weeks off but also the countless events around our school. Our Teacher versus Student games in the rink and in the court are the last event of the year. Teachers have maintained their undefeated streak since the beginning.



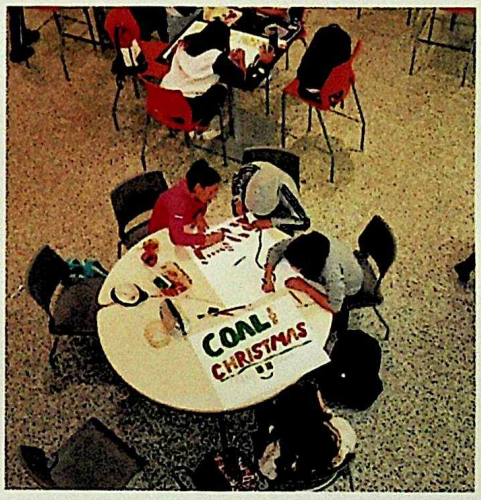
Community

Volunteers at Work



December *traditions*

Community Christmas party and Thom Elniski tournament are some of the December traditions we have come to love. The Popular Slam dunk competition always takes center stage. Our Christmas community party requires an incredible amount of volunteers. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by everyone.



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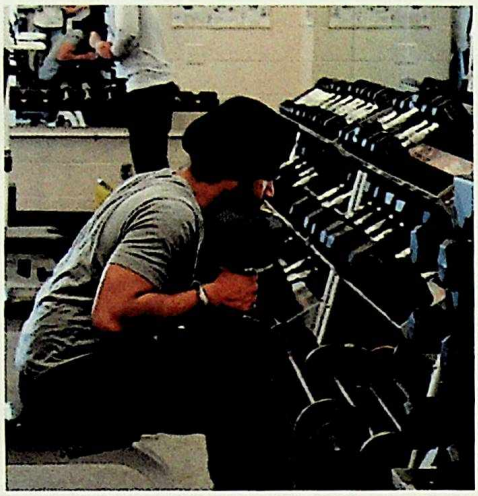
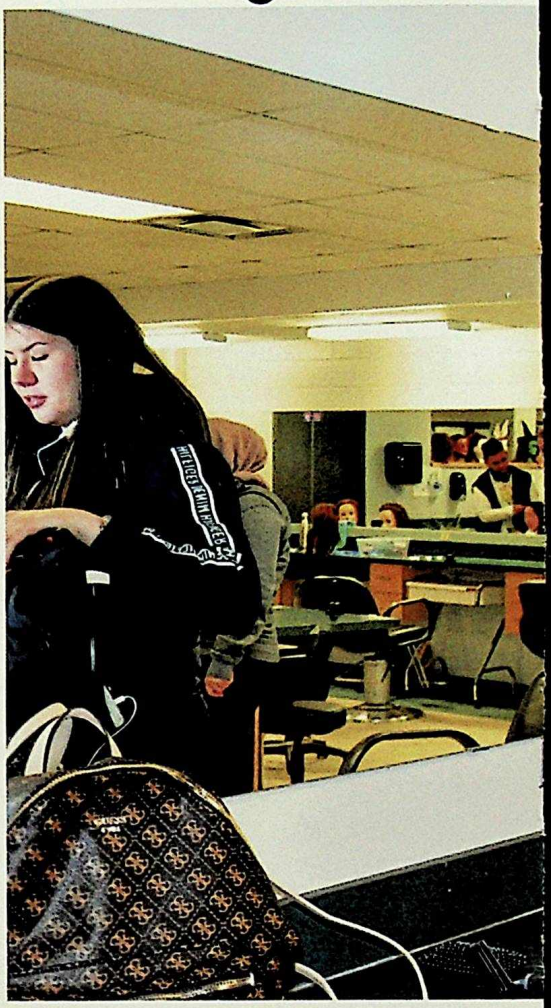
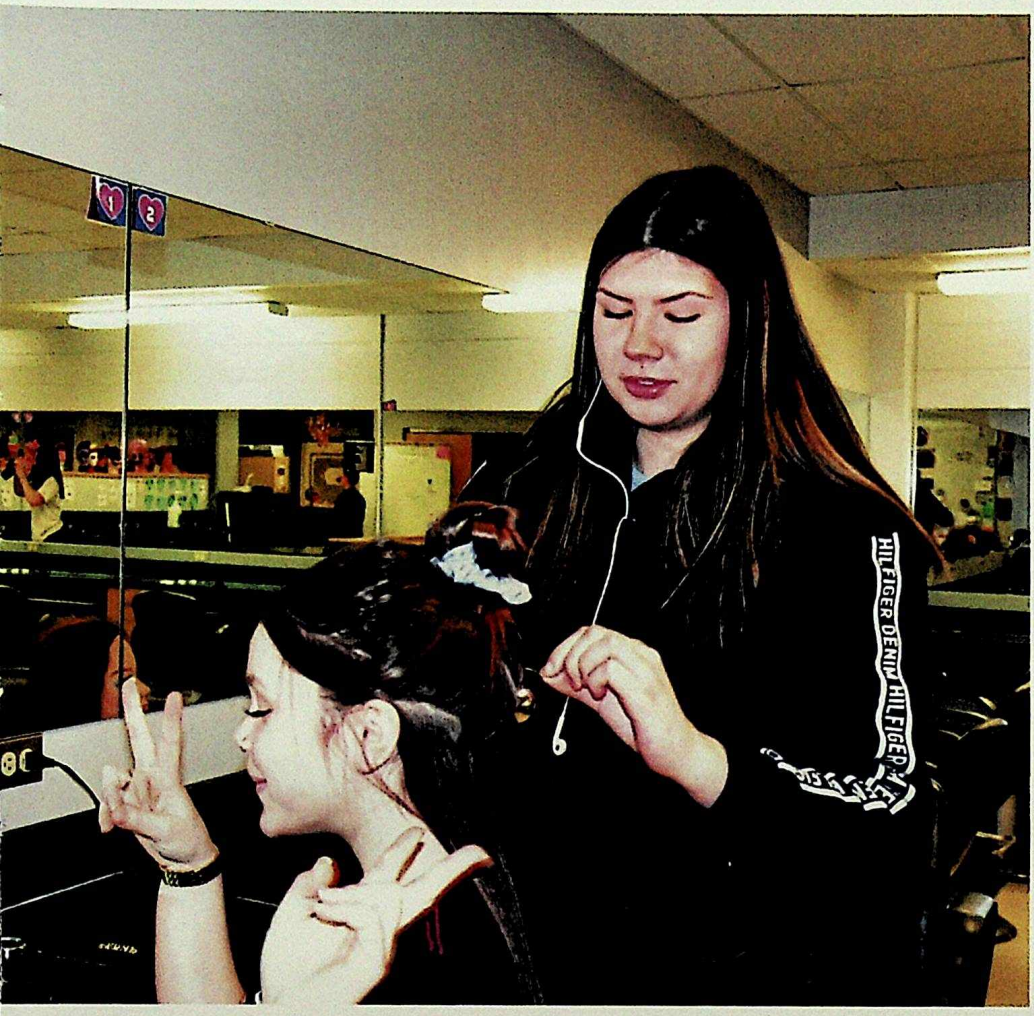
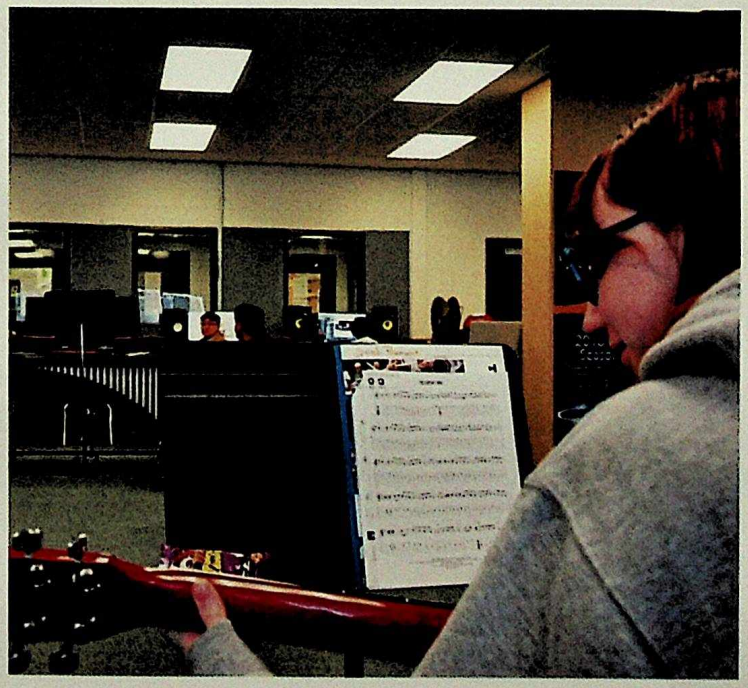






2020

2020 will go down in history as one of the most memorable years in our generation. As the virus made its way through Wuhan, China. We in Canada could not anticipate the enormous change this would bring to us. An abrupt end to school activities, online learning, isolation, quarantine, flattening the curve, were some of the issues we had to deal with this New Year. In January, activities carried through like normal: Billy in Cosmo gains the trust of her friend. MS. Wald and her Leadership students plan out activities for the upcoming weeks. Our Atrium always full of life.



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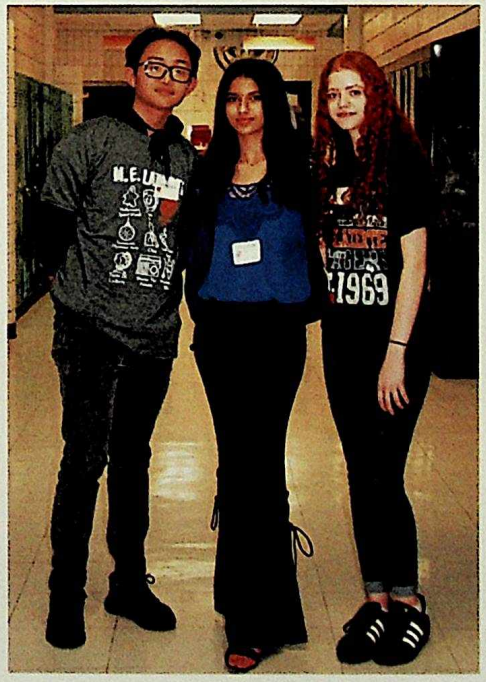
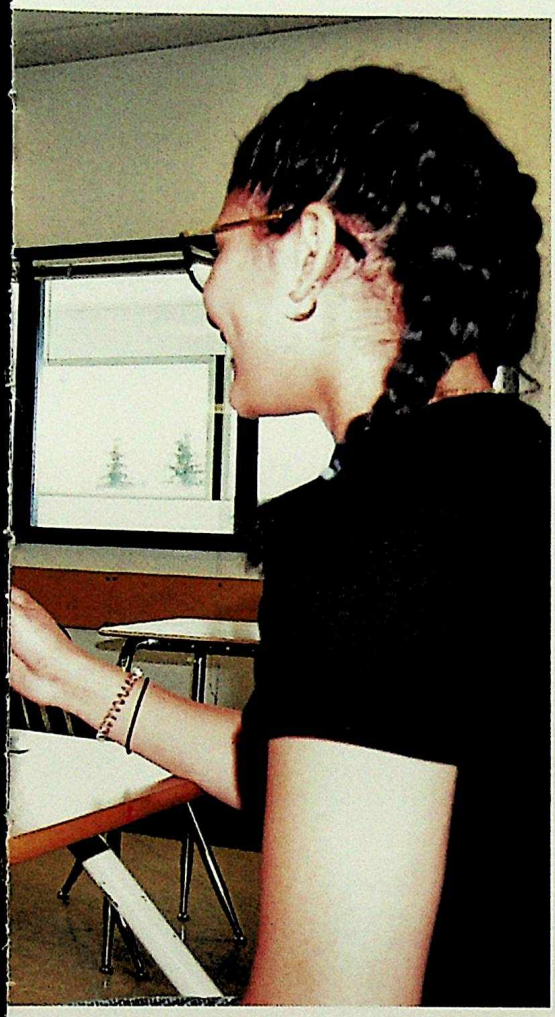
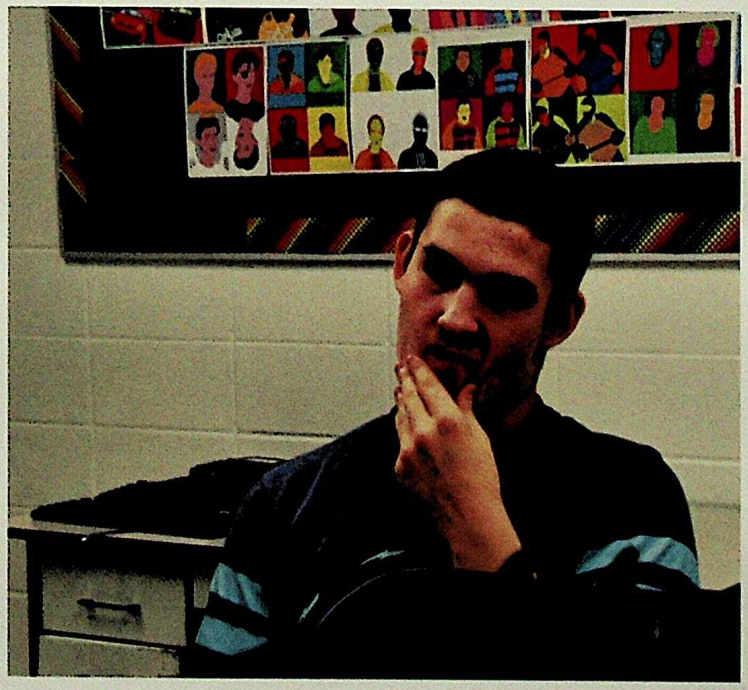




New Semester

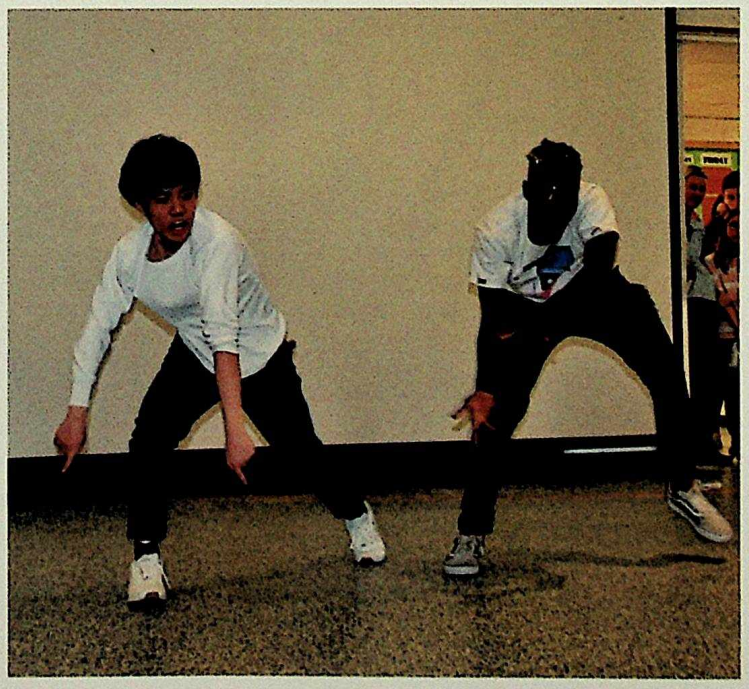
As we started a new semester, our hopes for warmer weather began to increase. We approached this time of the year with much hope, though the death of Kobe Bryant, in late January, replaced our hope with memories of his playing career. A much smaller version of LaZerte Idol, bottom left, carried us through the shortest month of the school year. Dance students pose for a photo while Leah does a solo dance in our atrium. Makenzie B. engages in Spanish class and our mechanic students display their tools and uniforms.



March

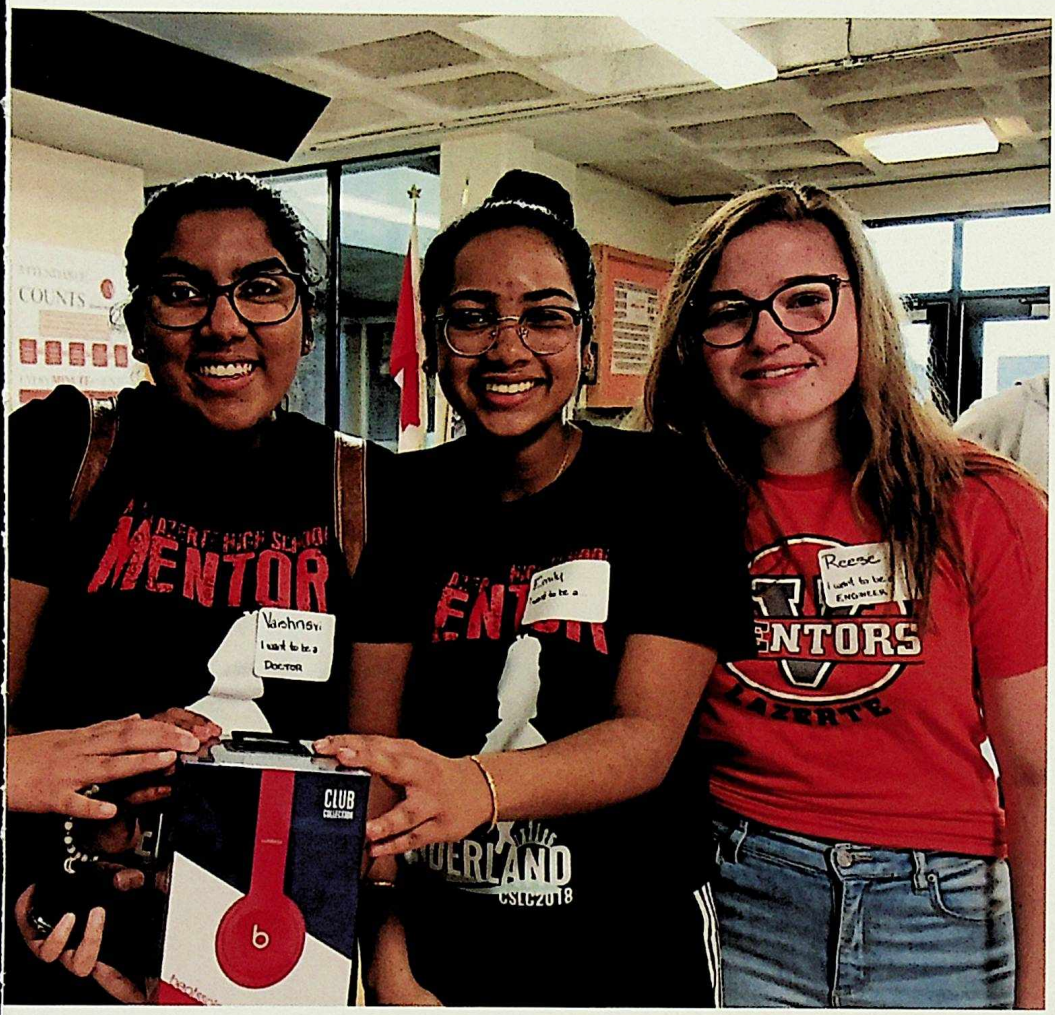
Open House

Beginning of March always brings a lot of excitement and anticipation. Spring break trip to Greece and Spring Break seem to mark the beginning of the end of another school year. We also have the opportunity to highlight our school in our Open House. Our long running Mandarin classes perform their customary routines. Ms. Brown and Manny show off our Medical Science work area. Science students dissect frogs, and our instagrammers prepare for a social media competition. Our 50th anniversary sits in the sideline as we prepare for our anniversary celebrations.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Life at LaZerte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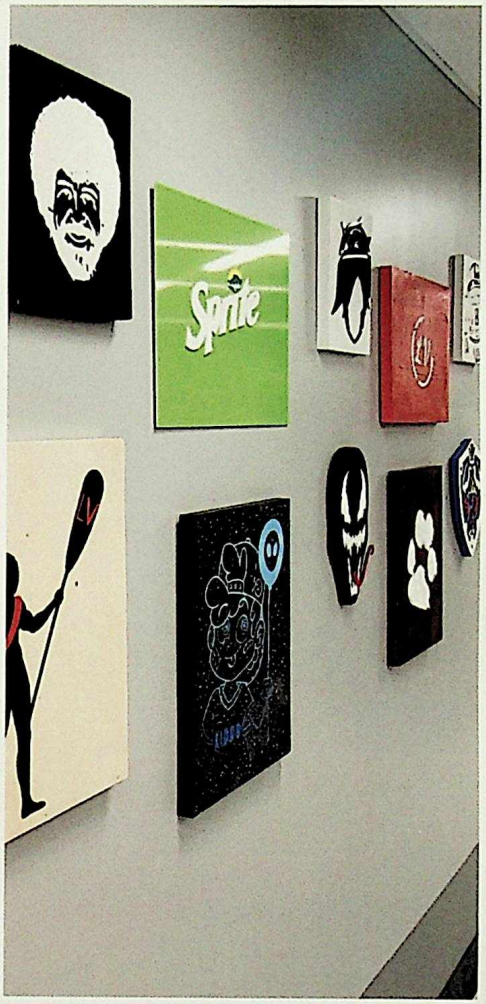
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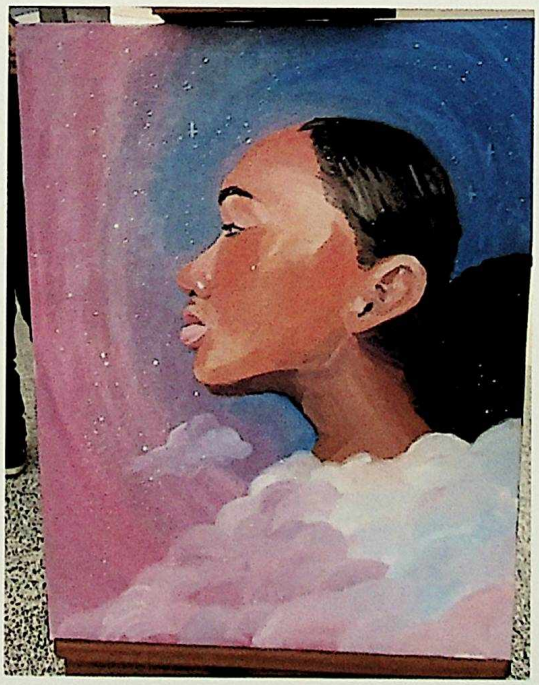

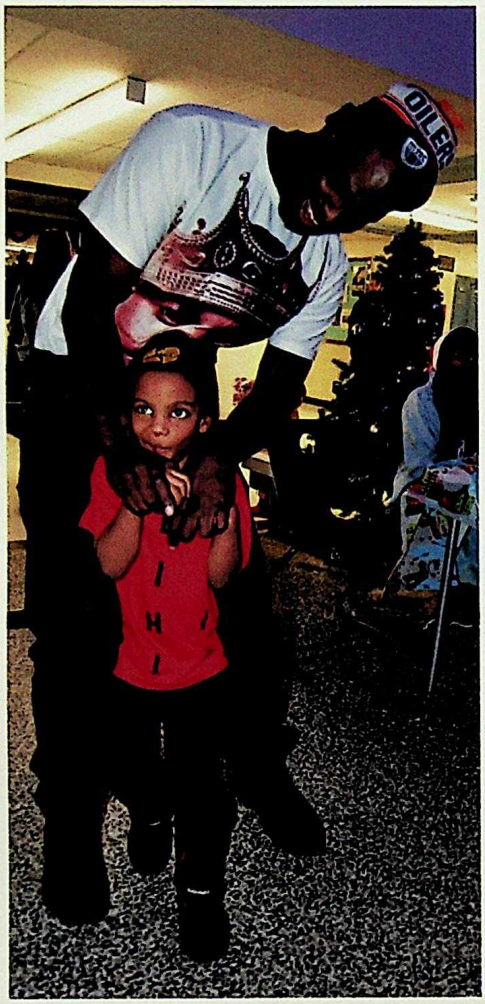

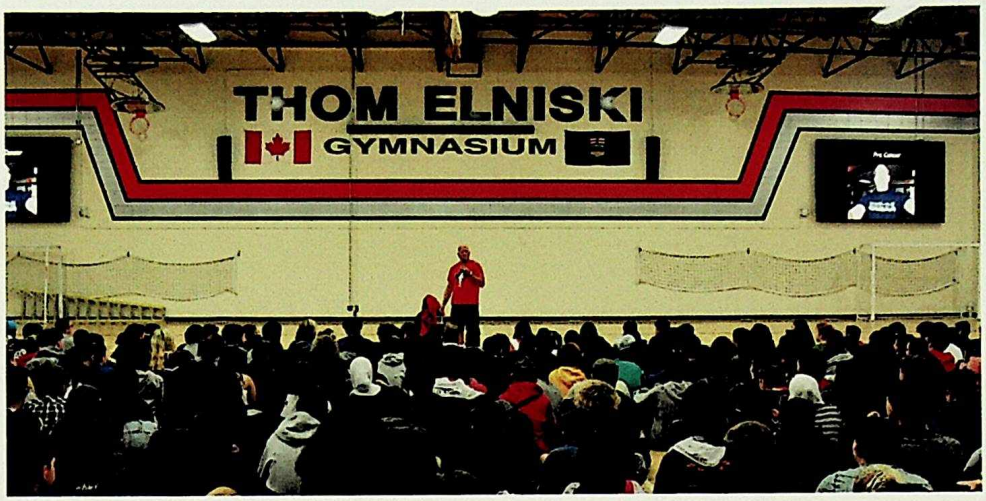
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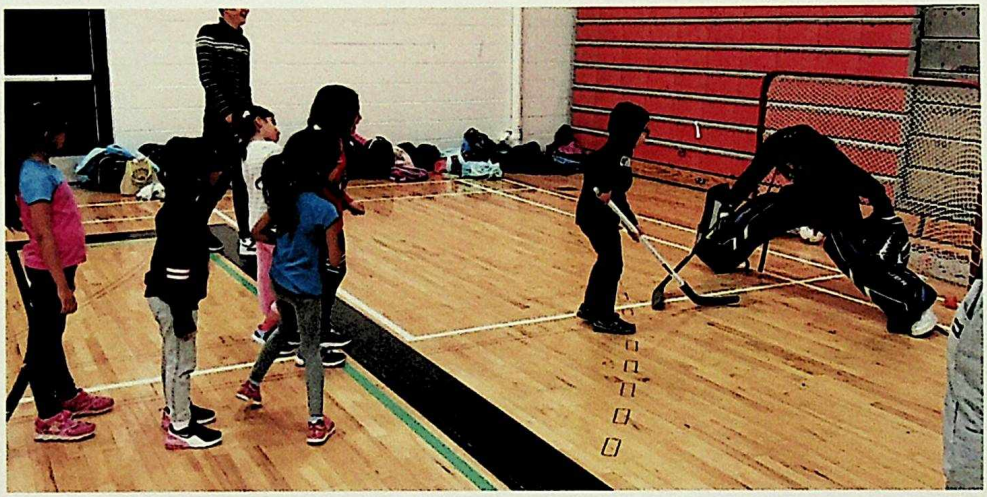

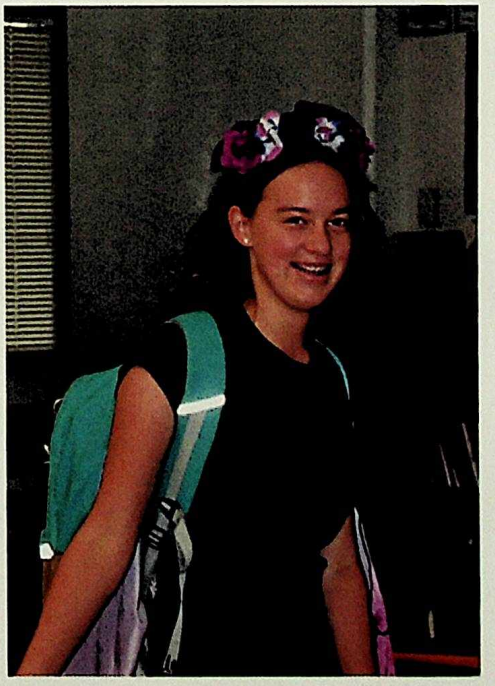

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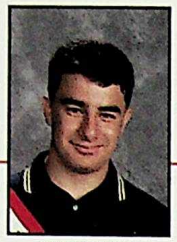
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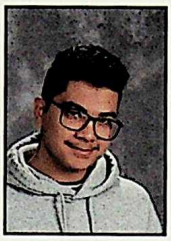
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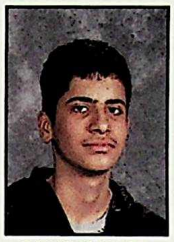
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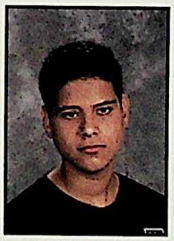
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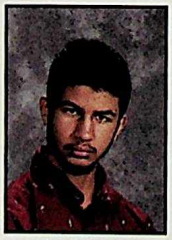
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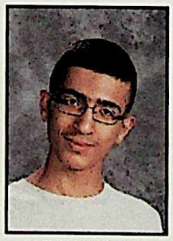
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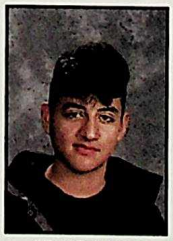
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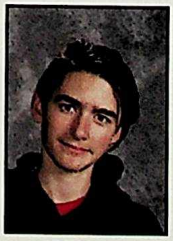
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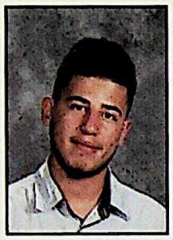
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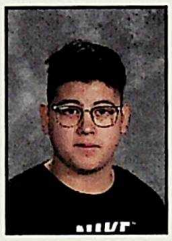
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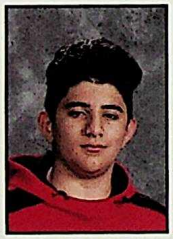
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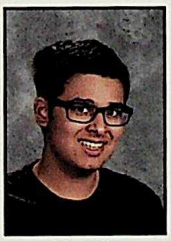
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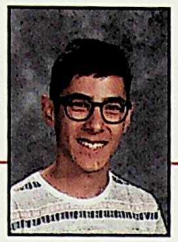
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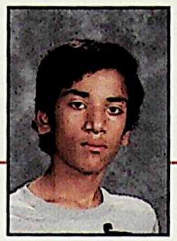
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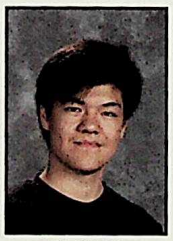
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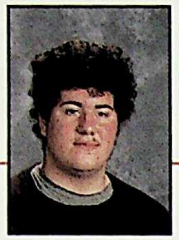
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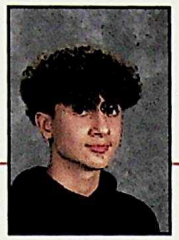
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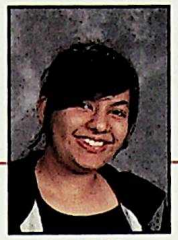
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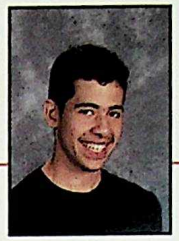
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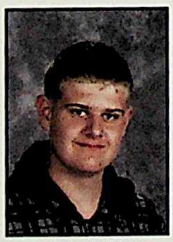
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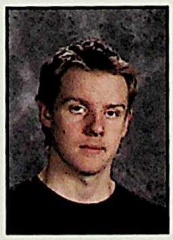
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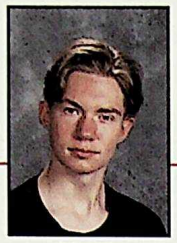
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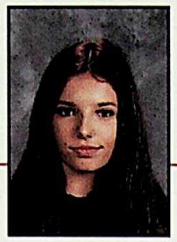
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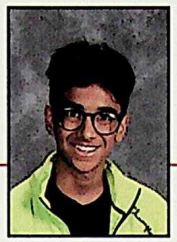
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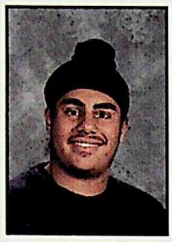
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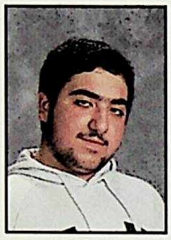
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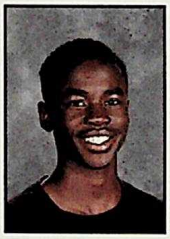
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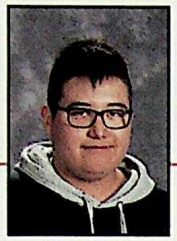
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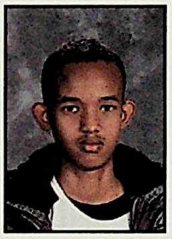
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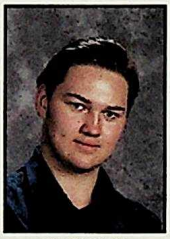
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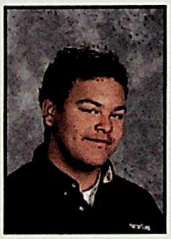
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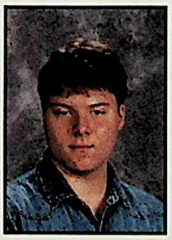
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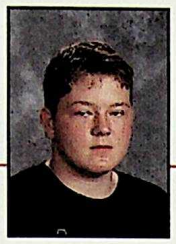
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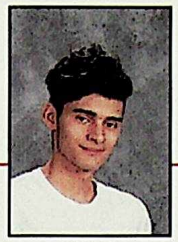
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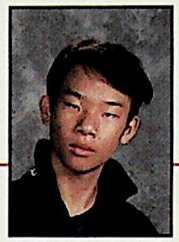
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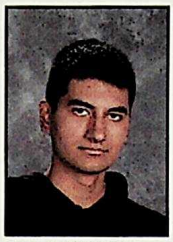
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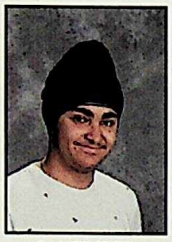
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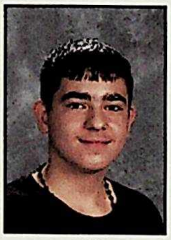
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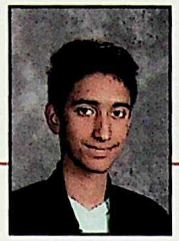
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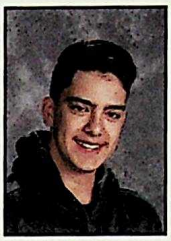
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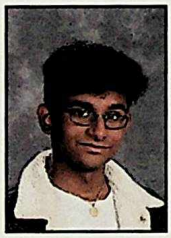
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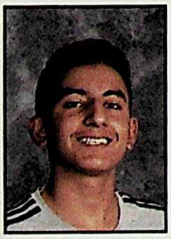
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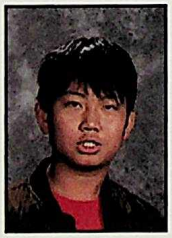
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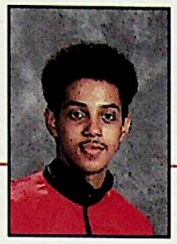
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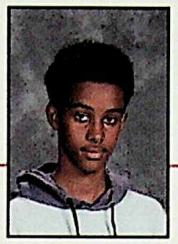
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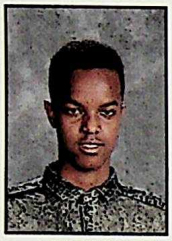
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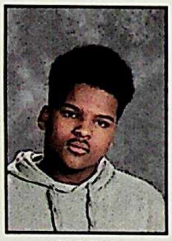
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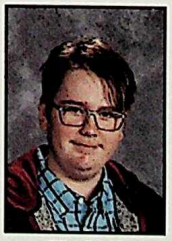
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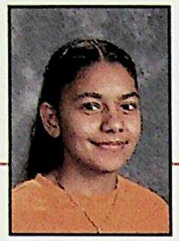
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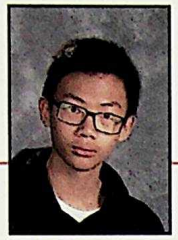
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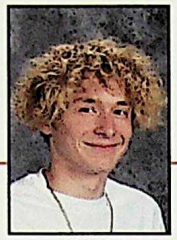
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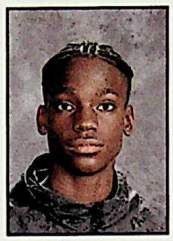
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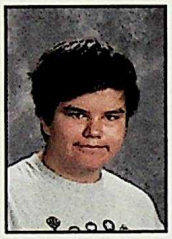
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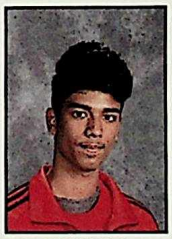
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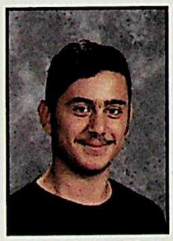
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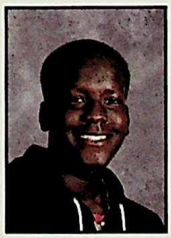
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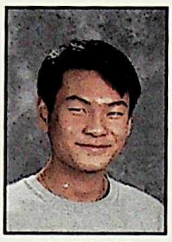
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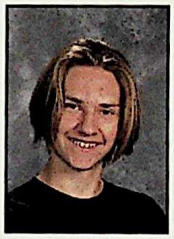
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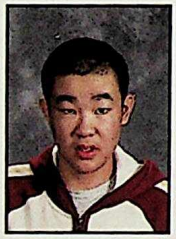
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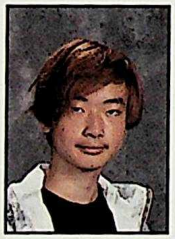
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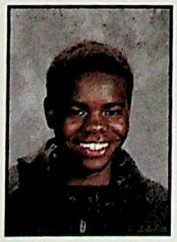
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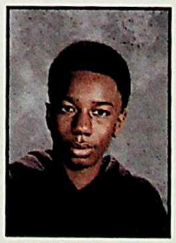
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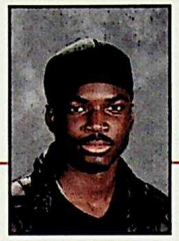
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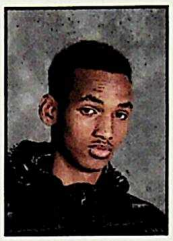
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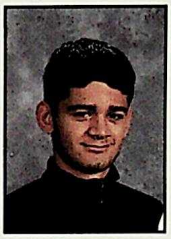
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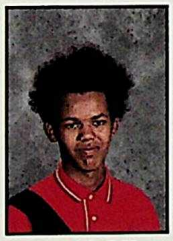
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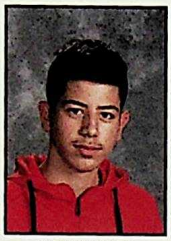
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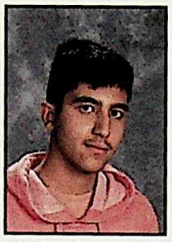
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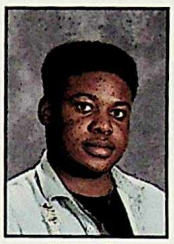
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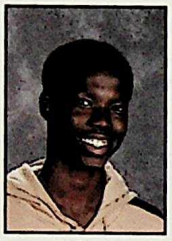
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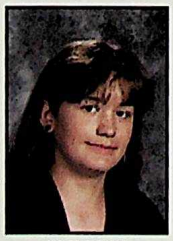
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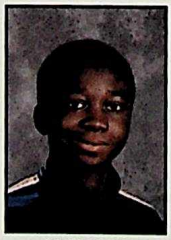
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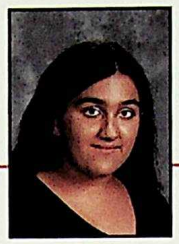
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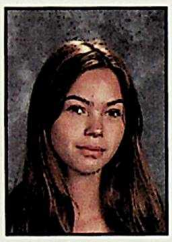
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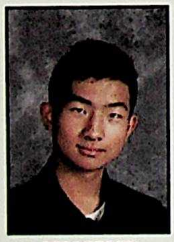
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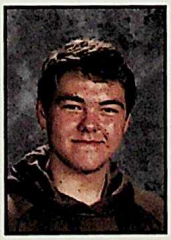
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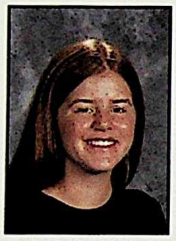
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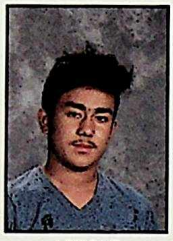
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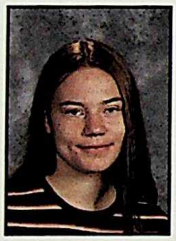
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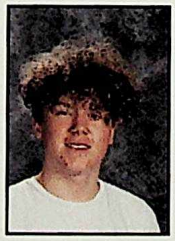
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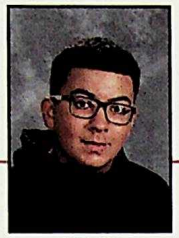
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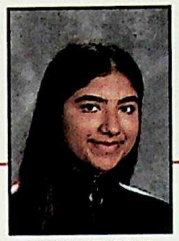
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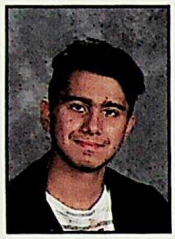
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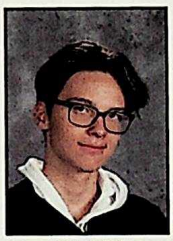
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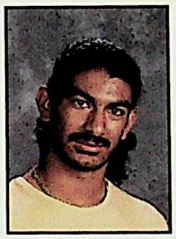
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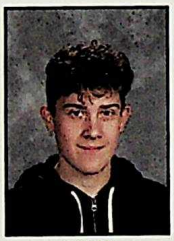
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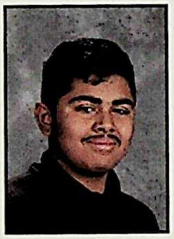
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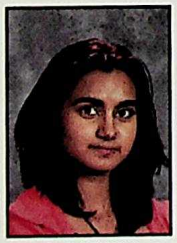
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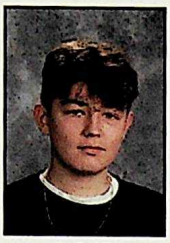
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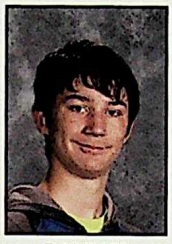
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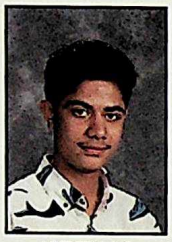
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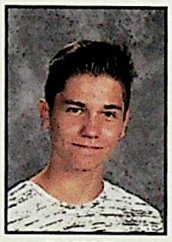
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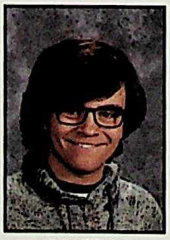
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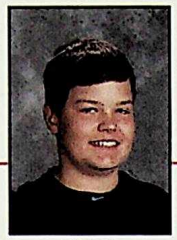
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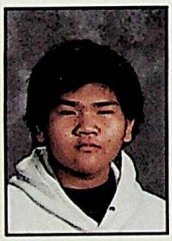
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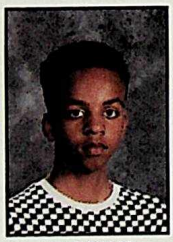
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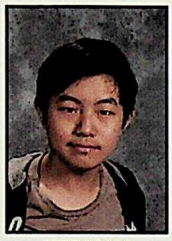
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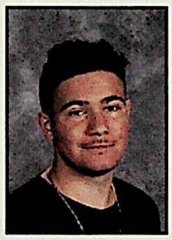
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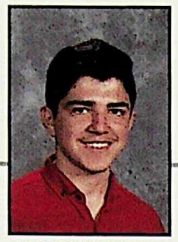
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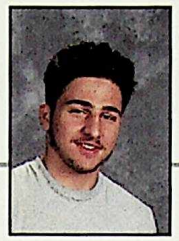
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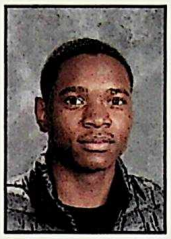
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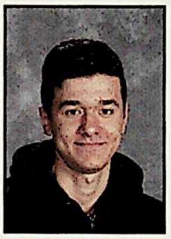
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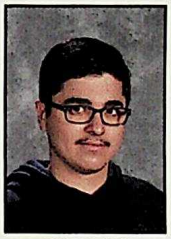
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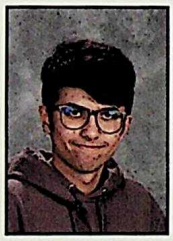
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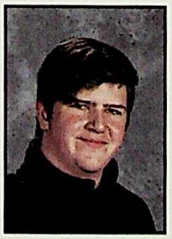
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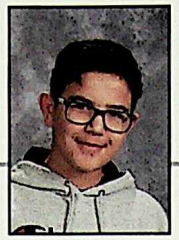
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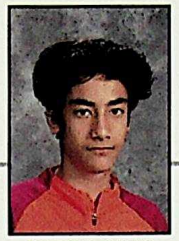
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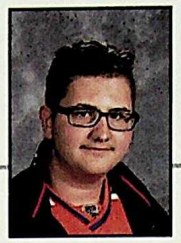
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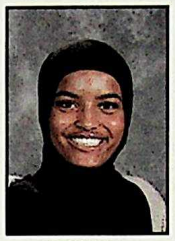
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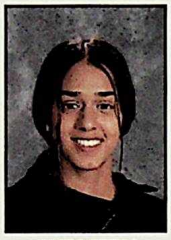
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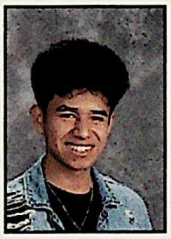
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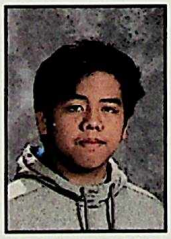
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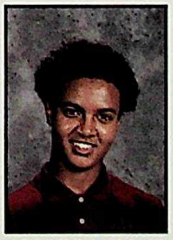
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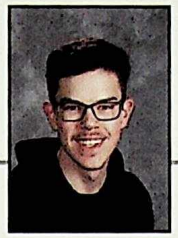
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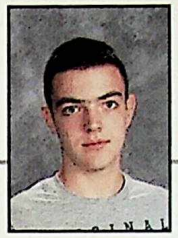
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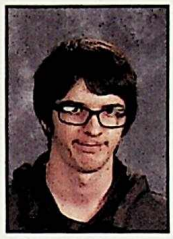
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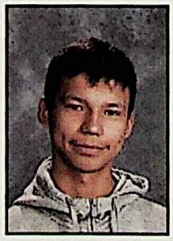
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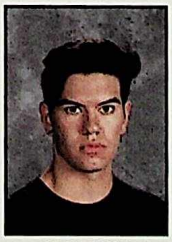
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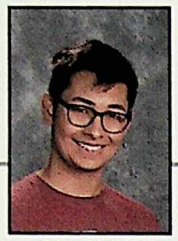
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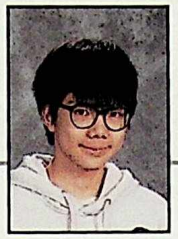
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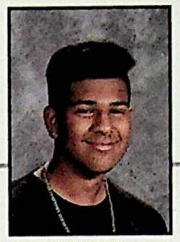
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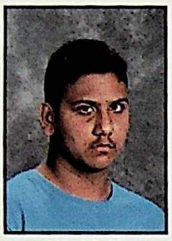
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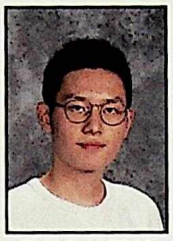
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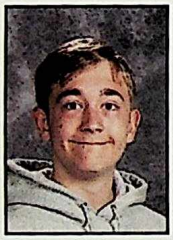
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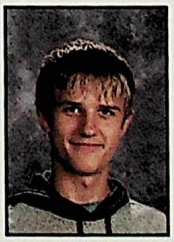
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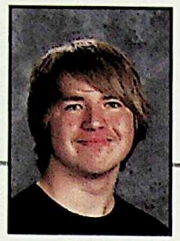
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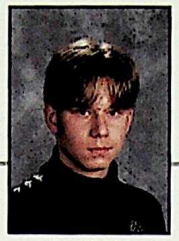
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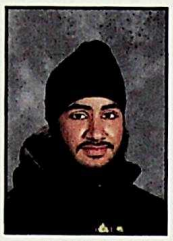
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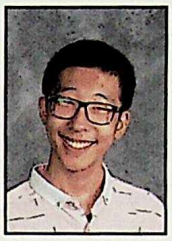
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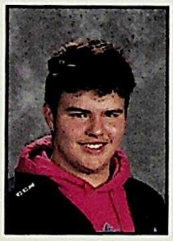
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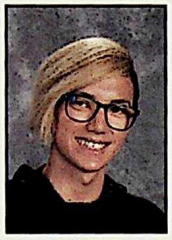
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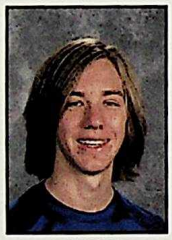
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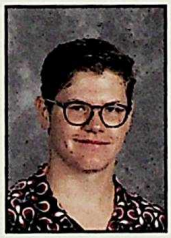
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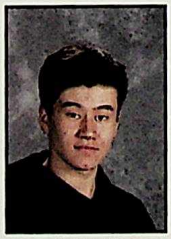
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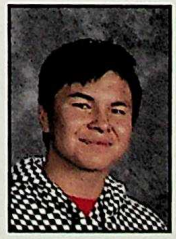
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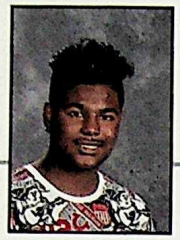
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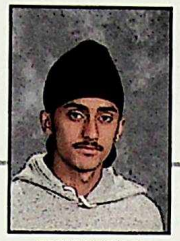
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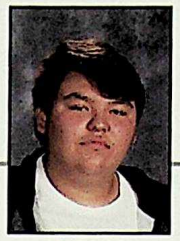
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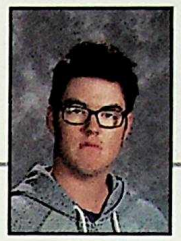
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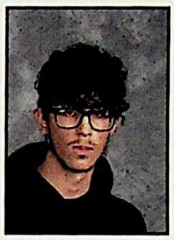
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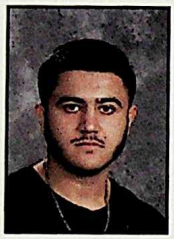
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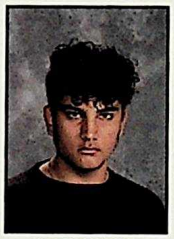
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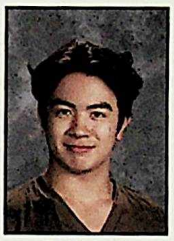
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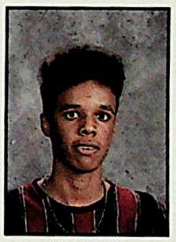
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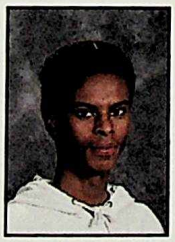
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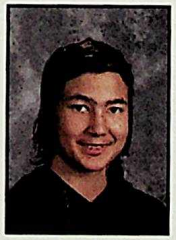
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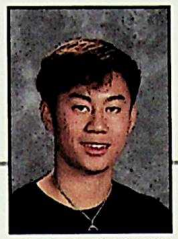
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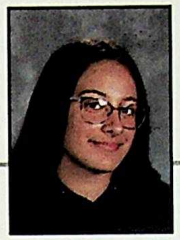
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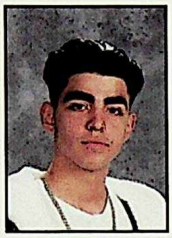
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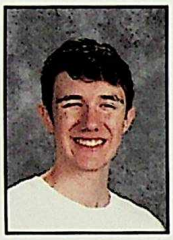
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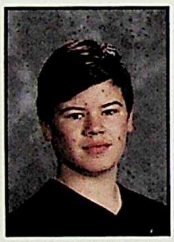
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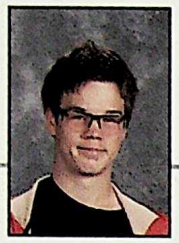
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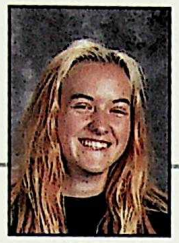
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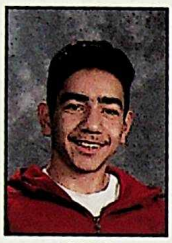
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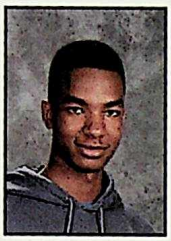
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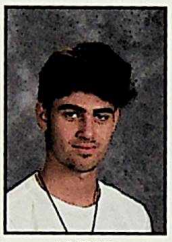
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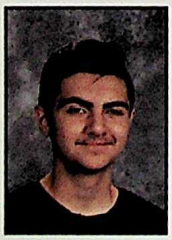
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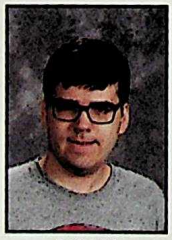
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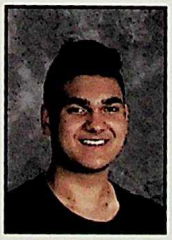
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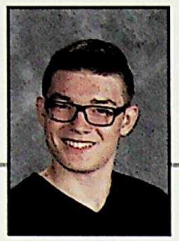
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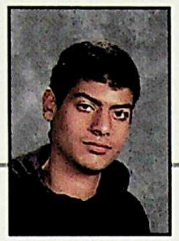
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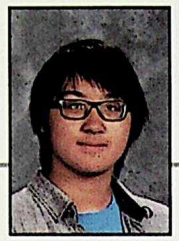
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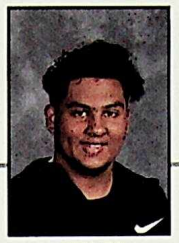
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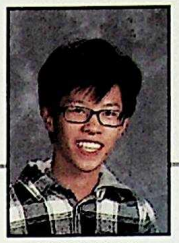
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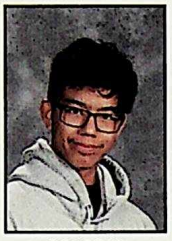
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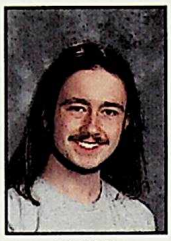
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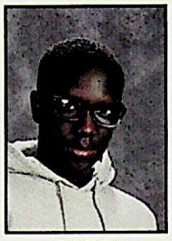
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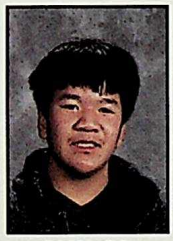
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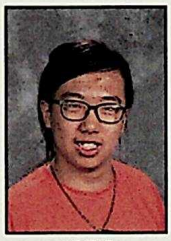
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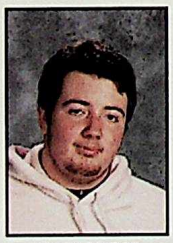
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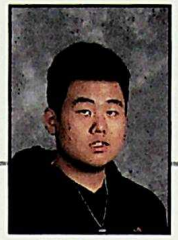
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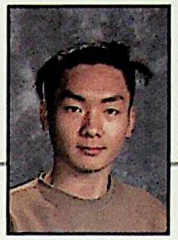
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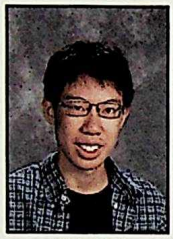
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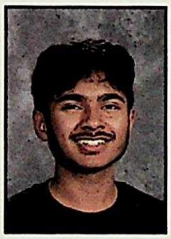
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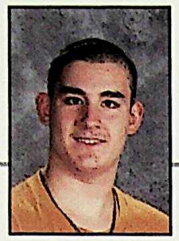
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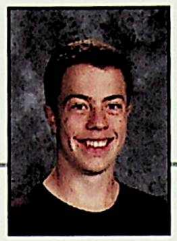
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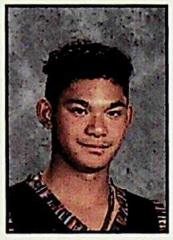
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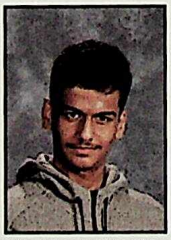
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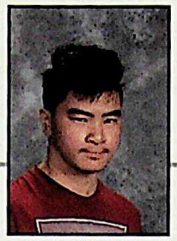
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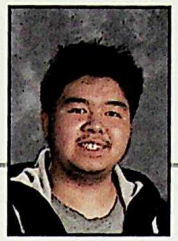
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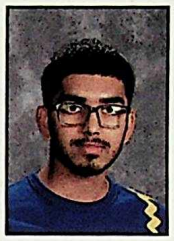
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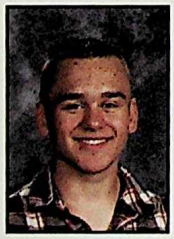
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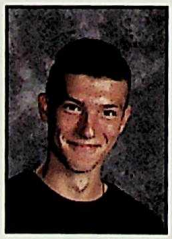
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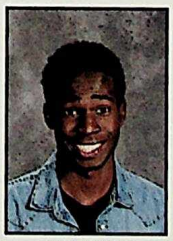
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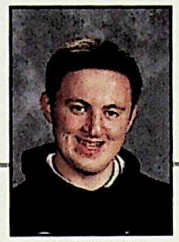
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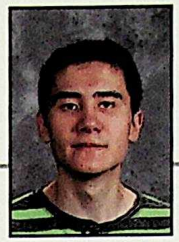
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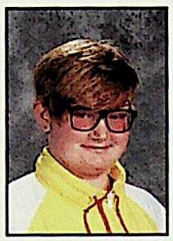
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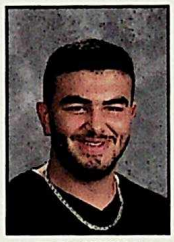
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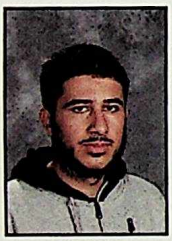
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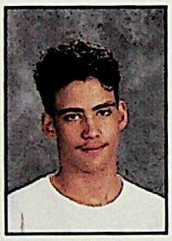
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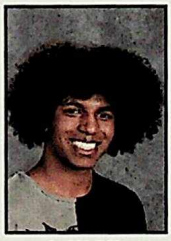
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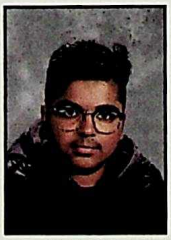
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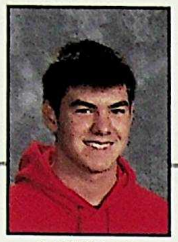
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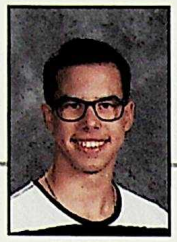
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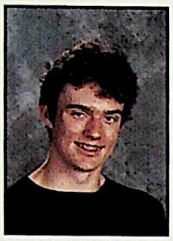
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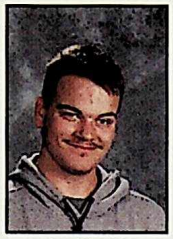
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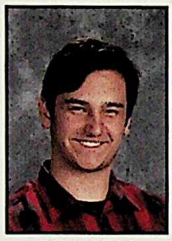
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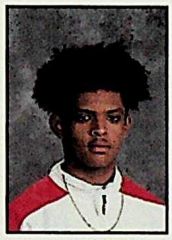
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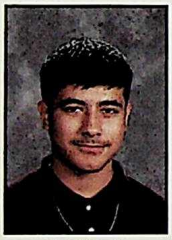
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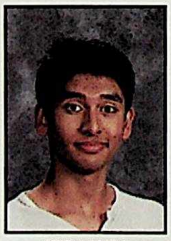
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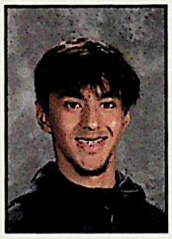
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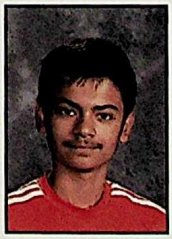
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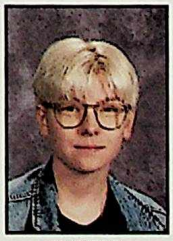
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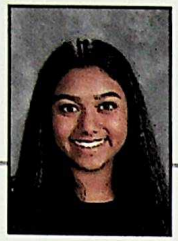
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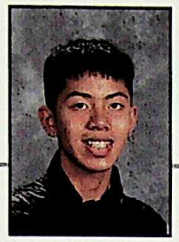
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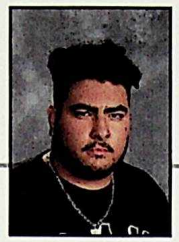
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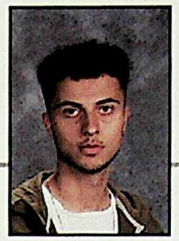
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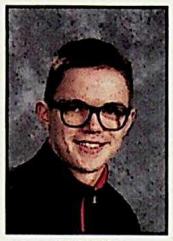
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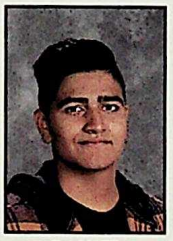
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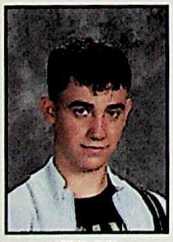
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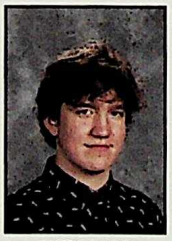
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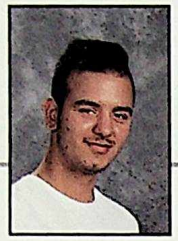
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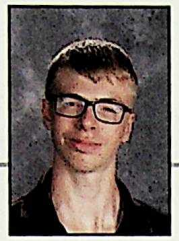
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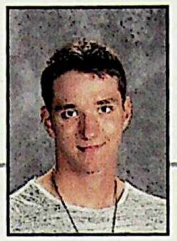
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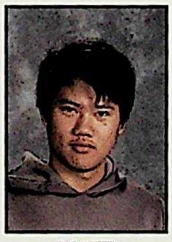
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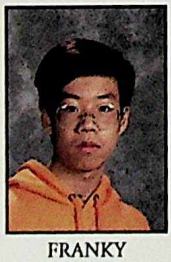
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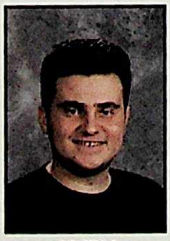
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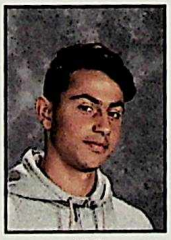
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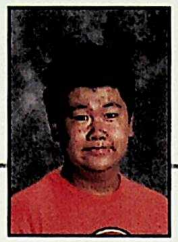
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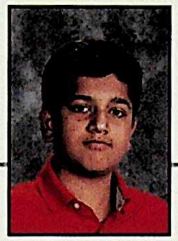
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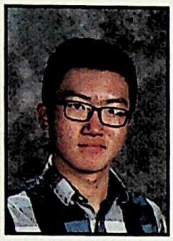
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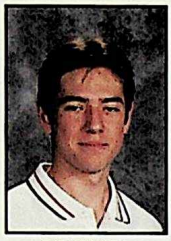
MICHAEL
ZMAU

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SARA ABDUL-RAHIM

Success means respect, pride, manner and focus. All those to get me where I am today

BEAKO AHMAD

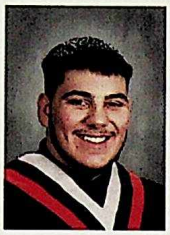
Covid...haven't heard that name in years

ADAM AHMED

"There's no better beauty than intellect"

BENISTAN AHMED

I never even studied once



AAISHA AL ABADA

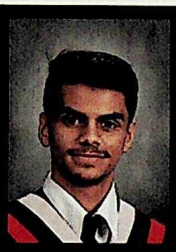
No matter where you are in high school or what you're going through it will get better, trust me ^_^

SARAH AL BRMAWI

Cheer yourself up to bring your dreams alive

REDA ALAMARI

I feel bad for the kids who are going to study 2020 in history, this chapter is HEFTY



AYUB ALI

I'd love to stay but the track is callin'!

GNIN ALYOUSEF

Lol who said 2020 iS gOnNa bE OuR yEaR

ASHLYN ANTHONY

It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.

ARPAN AULAKH

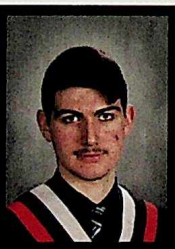
Opinions are like mix-tapes: I don't want to hear yours.

HARJOT AULAKH

Arpan stole my quote.

HUSSEIN AWADA

It's great to never give up, but one must also know when a challenge is too tough. I realized that as long as you always try your best, the only criticism needed is that which will allow you to improve.



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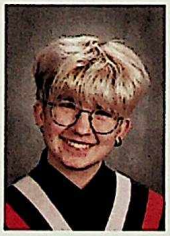
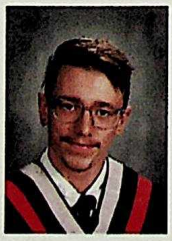


FARHAT BAIN

"Treat people with kindness"-Harry styles

TAYLOR BAINES

"I don't really care cause I'm done" -Baby Pluto

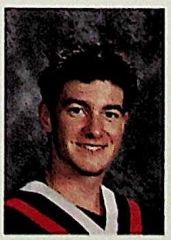


GURVEER BAINS

"As we grow up we realize it becomes less important to have a ton of friends & more important to have real ones." -J Cole

MAX BAKER

"Don't worry, be happy" -Bob Marley



JOWAYNE BARRETT

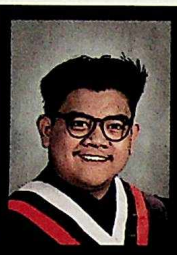
Life's about taking chances, making moves. Not about what you did, it's what you do. Build on what you got and learn from what you lose. Never let people distract you from being you.

MARY BASARABA

My dogs are the only thing that got me through this year...

NIAM BASHIR

"Sadly, corona got my big lungs not functioning properly"



MARC TRISTAN BAUTISTA

I am thankful to everyone who helped me get through the toughest times, and made my high school journey an unforgettable experience. "When others doubt you, prove them wrong. If they believe you, prove yourself right."

HARSH BEESOON

"We didn't come to Canada for you to be a disappointment." - Mum

RYAN BITZ

No matter where life takes me, find me with a smile. -Mac Miller

LEA BLIECK

Coming to Canada, I discovered 3 things: an interesting new culture, beautiful landscapes, and that people like to say « baguette » !

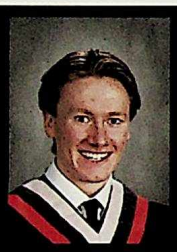
KINSON BOON

Squat depth or don't squat at all 315/205

TYNE BRIGGS

The world breaks everyone, and afterwards, many are strong at the broken places.

-ernest hemingway



MACKENZIE BUCHANAN

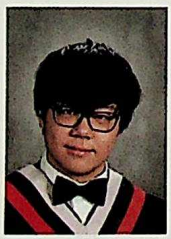
To family, friends, teachers, coaches, and mentors: you have been my world, thank you for 17 years of life juice! May your adventures be most excellent, and your trails be happy!

SHANN CARDINAL

There's no reason to have a Plan B, because it distracts you from Plan A.

SOPHIE CATLING

"I don't wanna leave my bed. My bed is my friend. It gives me warm blanket hugs." - Hannah Montana



SEAN CHAN

Fall asleep, wake-up. Drift off, bell rings. Eat lunch, time to rest. Fall asleep, teacher saw. Doze off, wake-up call. Go home, back to bed.

AYA CHAREF

I owe it all to Cheb Houssem for getting me through this.

NAMETALLAH CHEBLI

"Wherever you go, go with all your heart".

ADRIENNE CHEE

We did it! Time to take a nap.

JIAMING CHEN

Graduated, may you and I live up to once, may you and I still remember each other's friendship.

REHAN CHHADA

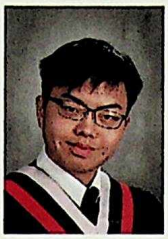
Tables turn, bridges burn, you live and learn. -Drake

HENRY CHIEM

Good morning!

KIU KWONG CHOI

It's been fun, and I enjoyed my stay. To my Canadian friends, I bid you all farewell (temporarily), and I wish you all the best in life. Cheers, from a single soul of the other side of the world.



NATASCIA CIANCIBELLO

Feels like some kind of ride but it's turning out just to be life going absolutely perfectly.

ALISSON CRUZ

Dare to Dream, Believe in Yourself, and Achieve your Goals. Be strong because even though you walk through these obstacles today that doesn't mean there won't be a new tomorrow. Grades don't define who you will become!

NATASHA CUNNINGHAM

Quarantine taught me not to be a guppy.

ATTIA DANISH

I give unto you three pieces of wisdom. 1.) There is always a greater truth; seek it as there is no absolute. 2.) Even dragons bleed. No life is inherently worth more or less. 3.) There is no right choice just a more ethical one. So, stand not with the oppressor.

LILLIAN DAVIDSON

I'm what baby dreams are made of, at least that's what my band teacher says.

RYLEY DECKERT

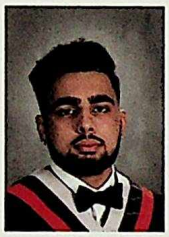
You can call in sick for work, but you can't call in sick for the boys.

THERESA DER

"Quiet people have the loudest minds"
-Stephen Hawking

ANMOL DHALIWAL

On God I graduated, ask my boy Joban.



AAYAT DIABE

I spent 113,800 hours of my life just to walk a stage, get a paper, and go back to school. ://

MEGAN DIEU

Have some hope—for excessive pessimism leads to numbing cynicism.

ABIGAIL DIXON

I got to meet a lot of good friends over the past 3 years I hope I will be able to keep them for a life time

NOEL DO

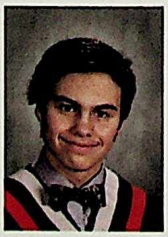
Y'all want to understand me but y'all don't want to understand me -Tekashi

SYDNEY DOWLING

Shoutout to CrashCourse for getting me through science.

ANTHONY DRESSYMAN

"The plan is to fan this spark into a flame"- Alexander Hamilton



YANNIS DUONG

"To achieve great things, two things are needed; a plan, and not quite enough time." -Leonard Bernstein

LITA DUQUETTE

It is what it is.

NATALEE ECHTAIE

memories don't die

BRYANNA EDDY

Spend a little more time trying to make something of yourself and less time trying to impress people.

SHAIMAA EL TASSI

Some days you just gotta ask yourself. Did you yeet today or did today yeet you?

HANIN ELDARRAT

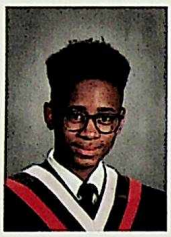
Don't give up your dreams... keep sleeping

HUSAYN ESMAIL

22 tak padhai, 25 pe naukri, 26 pe chokri, 30 pe bachche, 60 pe retirement... aur phir maut ka intezaar... dhat aaisi ghisi piti life thodi jeena chahta hoon?

SKYLAR FERCHOFF

Treat people with kindness



BRANDON FIOGBE

"People only find me interesting because they can't tell whether I'm serious or not." - K.Z

ALEXANDRA FOGHIS

Why fall in love when you can fall asleep.

JOSHUA FOSTER

"The winner ain't the one with the fastest car, its the one who refuses to lose" - Dale Earnhardt Sr. (Nascar #3)

JADA FUENTES

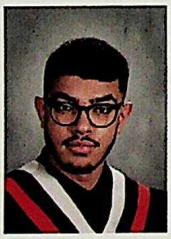
I spent 113,880 hours of my life devoted to school just to graduate online

MUTAZ GAMRA

You never fail until you stop trying - Albert Einstein

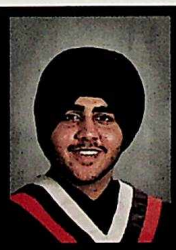
GURVIR GILL

"Young Savage, why you trappin so hard?"
- Saint Laurent Don



JOBAN GILL

On God I graduated, ask my boy Gurjot.



PRABHLEEN GILL

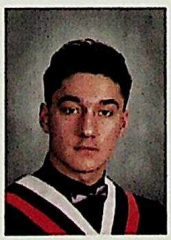
Mans could easily live in Australia since I went to school with a bunch of snakes.

MARTINA GOODYEAR

I love you, I love you. It's disgusting.

KIARRA GRIMES

I knew high school would go by quickly, but I didn't know it would Zoom.



AHMET GUNALTAY

"Raise your words, not your voice. It's rain that grows flowers, not thunder."
-Mevlana

ARIANA GUTZIET

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why it is called present. - Oogway the Turtle (inspired by Bil Keane)

ALEX HA

Dinosaurs used to live here, now they're gone

MEGAN HA

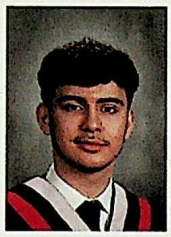
Life is always full of surprises, but the process to happiness and success is what matters.

KEEGAN HANRAHAN

To be the best is not the goal, being better than yourself yesterday is.

NOAH HARATI

If you can do what you do best and be happy, you're further along in life than most people.



ALI HARB

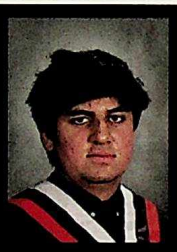
Yikes.

REESE HARIK

The choices you make when nobody is watching are what defines you.

ALI HASSAN

"Don't count the days. Make the days count."
- Muhammad Ali



RAYLA HATTO

It is what is.

ALORAH HECK

What the.. (insert my last name)

TIFFANIE HENRY

"Wow it's a ginger, you dont see that everyday"

BRETT HEPP

The best compliment I received this year was "I wish I could grow a beard like that"

DALILA HODZIC

VANESSA HUANG

Never let an ugly woah stop you from woahing.

HAWA HUSSEIN

Thank God it's finally over.

JACQUELINE HUYNH

I finally found my eyebrows.

SABAT IBRAHIM

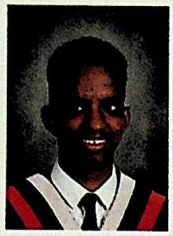
ok bye

IVANA ILIC

Lost a set 25 - 5 ... last game of the season

FELICA INOSTROZA

Save the drama for the stage



AHMED JAMA

"Can't believe I'm still alive in 2020"

MOHAMED JAMA

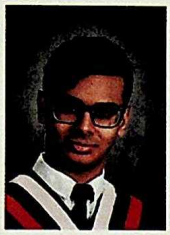
The harder you work, the more that comes your way. Always be persistent and never give up on your goals.

KAYLA JAMESON

2020 is all the way messed up but we still graduated so Ha

KIMBERLY JENKINS

I am not anyone"s first choice or favourite and people may tell I mean a lot to them but I know there someone they will always choose over me.



ALIM JIVRAJ

"I live my life a quarter-mile at a time. Nothing else matters: not the mortgage, not the store, not my team and all their nonsense. For those 10 seconds or less, I'm free."

-Dominic Toretto

ELIJAH JOHNSON

2020 is a giant GTA V server

SHAYLA JOHNSTON

The English language cannot fully capture the depth and complexity of my thoughts, so I'm incorporating emojis into my speech to better express myself. Winky face.

-Brooklyn nine nine

IMTISAM KAMALDIN-SULEIM

A heart with boundless wonder has immeasurable value, so gift it uncritically. Softly. Gently. Like an unheard melody bound to a silent sea of a thousand notes twinkling with mirth - delicate yet impossibly mischievous.

SARAH KHAMIS

Don't look down. Always look up towards the stars.

MARIEYAM KHAN

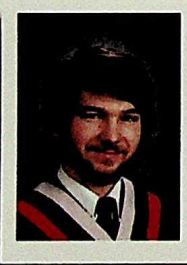
Do you know why I believe in you with no question? Because the second pillar of Iman is belief in angels.

SAHAIR KIANI

To the classes still in high school, and the classes to come, cherish it, because trust me, one day you'll miss it.

HYUN KIM

once an egg, always an egg



LOGAN KING

Quarantine taught me not to be a guppy.

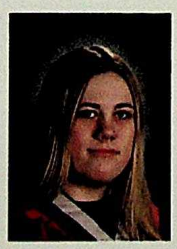
NYSSA KOLERIC-PERKINS

See you all at Center High :)

BLAKE KROETSCH

MARIAM KROMAH

No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.



KENDAL KUCH

You are NOT making mistakes, you are NOT losing. You are either WINNING or LEARNING. - Jensen Ackles

JEYDA LA

"Never stop fighting until you arrive at your destined place... Have an aim in life, continuously acquire knowledge, work hard, and have perseverance to realize the great life." – A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

JESSICA LABELLE

Ce qui semble être la fin n'est qu'un début

CASSANDRA LADOUCEUR

"Can I have a sip of your tea?" ... "No thanks." -Cassie

VICTORIA LAPRISE

"It's better to use your head than break your back" -Ernst Robinson , Walt Disney

JACQUE LE

#takeIB "If you don't take risks, you can't create a future"-from One Piece

TAYLOR LECHUK

stan cha junho

DERIC LEE

School has certainly been an interesting experience, there were a lot of things that happened that I'll never forget.

JOSHUA LEE

2020 is ok I guess.

LUCAS LEE

Where's my beats?

JULIANA LIMPASET

Spent my last year of high school trying to get Tik Tok famous. #failed

KEVEN LOU

Life is hard

RAEANN LUPINO

Three years later, I still don't know how to write a thesis.

LAURA LUU

i only type in lowercase because i don't cap

EDA MA

The last three years have taught me so much. I thank my teachers, family and friends for getting me this far. Although it saddens me that I won't be able to physically be at school on the last remaining months of my high school journey, I'll always cherish the experiences and memories I was able to make.

SHIRLEY MA

CELINA MACLEOD

I stress about stress before there's even stress to stress about.

SHANNON MAH

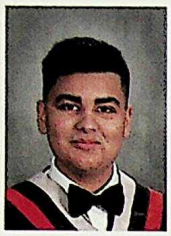
People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. – Maya Angelou

QUINTON MAI

This quote made me think harder than I did in school and this is the outcome.

NADAYA MALICA

There is never enough time, so have fun.



GURJOT MANN

On God I graduated, ask my boy Akash.

SHELBY MARTEL

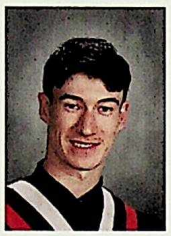
It's okay if you don't like me; not everyone has good taste.

CHELSEY MATECHUK

I spent half of the year wondering if I was going to get a diploma or the Coronavirus

KALLIE MAZUREK

I went through 12 years for a word document printed out onto a thick piece of paper.

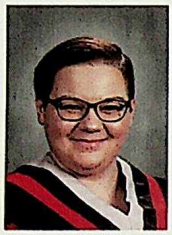


TEGAN MCKECHNIE

An individual that continues consistent progression and improvement will always better the individual that is complacent.

CANDACE MCNICHOL

Embrace the void and have the courage to exist



JAYELYNN MICHAUD

This is the beginning of the rest of our lives.

JOSEPH MILLIGAN

Life is though but its alot thougher if your stupid

DENI MODINA

"Sometimes life is like this tunnel. You can't always see the light at the end of the tunnel, but if you keep moving, you will come to a better place." —Iroh

BROOKE ELLA MOEN

Every end has a new beginning.

SOFIA MOHAMMED

"It's alright to not have a dream, if you have moments where you feel happiness for a while." — BTS ("Paradise")

MUNIRA MOHAMUD

what we learn with pleasure we never forget which is why i will never forget my experiences in high school. oh ya i almost forgot hooyo we made it

CHYANNE MONTGOMERY

JAYDANNA MONTGOMERY

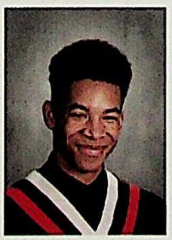
A life is not important except In the impact it has on others" -Jackie Robinson

SARIVE MUHABWA

Be proud of yourself for how far you have come, and never stop pushing to be the best of you that you can be. IT'S THE CLIMB

YASHJOT MULTANI

Wildfires, Brink of World War, and a pandemic. We still made it class of 2020!



RAYMOND MURRAY-SMITH

Graduating school was hard but being Dance Captain is harder

JASMEET NANNER

People been saying no cap all year, yeah now no gown either.

KENTON NGUYEN

Only some days are Burritoful Thursday, however, every day is Taco Tuesday.

MICHELLE NGUYEN

"No such thing as a life that's better than yours " J. Cole

STEVEN NGUYEN

I still don't know what it means to grow up. However, if you happen to meet me in the future one day, I hope that by then I became someone that you are proud to know.

RACHEL NHAN

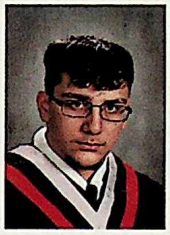
"She'll only go if there's bubble tea." - Michelle Nguyen

ABBY NORDLI

Don't be afraid to start over. This time you're not starting from scratch you're staring from experience.

MAZHAR OZTURK

If you forget your past, you won't have a future - Polat Alemdar



KIM PALABRICA

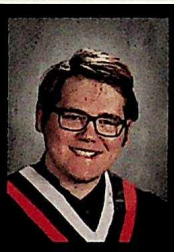
"Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength." - Arnold Schwarzenegger

WILLIAM PALMER

full send or no send

JOSEPH PALMQUIST

"The snake which cannot cast its skin has to die. As well the minds which are prevented from changing their opinions; they cease to be mind." - Friedrich Nietzsche



MEGAN PALMQUIST

Live Laugh Love

ARINA PANG

If you're happy, that's all that matters.

LORE PASARAN UGARTE

All that 90% attendance to not walk the stage

ETHAN PAUL

If you like water then you already like 72% of me

RENEE PELLETIER

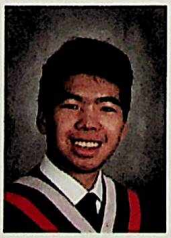
Perhaps it will come- perhaps not. It's all the same to a person who knows that everything is unnecessary. -Tove Jansson

THIEN-AN PHAM

High school made me realize that 5 Man Flex with the boys was more important than my Math Diploma.

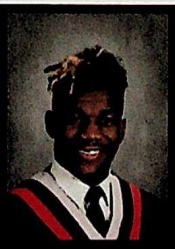
TRUONG PHAM

I'd give this school 9.5/10 rating!



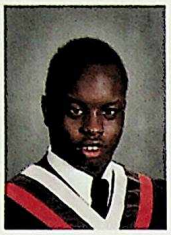
ISAIAH PHILIAS

My time at M.E. was phenomenal I met the most amazing people in my life



ELAINE PHU

In a world full of trends, I want to remain a classic. -Iman



BOL PIOM

Wherever you go, go with all your heart. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.as long you keep your hopes up you'll get the things you wanted, because god is watching you. The heart may be weak but deep down, it wants to keep living.

ALMA POHL

"BACK UP! BACK— NO! BACK UP!" -Emily Erickson

CHELLA POWER

Take pride in how far you have come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don't forget the journey.

SHYNA PRASAD

Moments may be temporary, but timings are forever

SALMA RAGHE

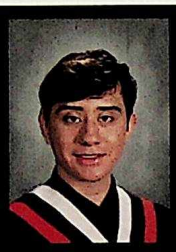
Look back at where you came from and let yourself feel proud of your progress.

HANNAH RAHALL

Don't be sleeping on your level it's beauty in the struggle.

AKASHDEEP RANDHAWA

On God we all graduated.



DANIEL RIVERA ALVARADO

Giving is all about not expecting back

NABIHA FATIMA RIZVI

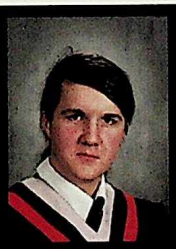
K.I.S.S. Keep It Simple Stupid. Great advice, hurts my feelings everytime. -Dwight Shrute

STEVEN ROSINSKI

Does the dog wag its tail, or does the tail wag the dog?

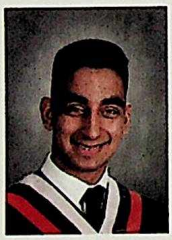
SHEENA ROTH

Success is built out of the willingness to thrive, an undying passion and a relentless drive to get there.



NICOLAS ROY

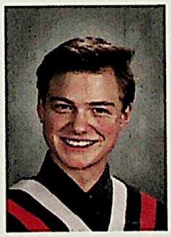
-Jesus has left the chat



KIAN RUDA

SETH RUNJE

Joycon Boys for Life.

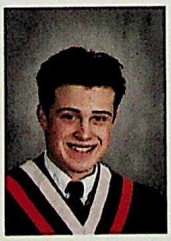


JADE SCHERGER

Life goes on. Living in the past only prevents enjoying the present.

FARAH SEIFEDDINE

"A student in your household was absent in..."



ETHAN SEREDIAK

Wearing yesterday's misfortunes like a smile

PAYAL SHARMA

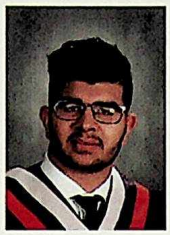
"I want to be a rock in my next life" - BTS, Suga

TAMARA SHTAY

We've been put against each other too much, and for too long, to not take accountability and action where we can. - 6lack

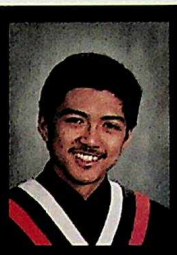
MANVIR SIDHU

In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.



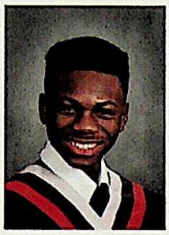
RAMCES SIMBE

What is your purpose in life? - Faye Simbe



KAMALL SIMPSON

Never settle for mediocrity because you can do better at anything you set your mind to!



MIKAYLA SMITH

Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul

SARA SMITH

I gotta go my fish is drowning

KARISHMA SOOGRIM

Never regret anything in life. If it's good, it's wonderful. If it's bad, it's experience. Be thankful for everything.-Shenseea

MAKIA SOWAN

I wish I could've went to highschool in the 80s

ARPAN SRAWN

Live in every moment because you're not getting it back!

MEGHAN STANLEY

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams

JONAKIE STEPHEN

When did we become adults and how do you make it stop.

TAYLOR SZEGI

I accidentally fell asleep in social and somehow woke up graduated.

AARON TA

"Bears, Beets, Battlestar Galactica"

MARAM TARABEIN

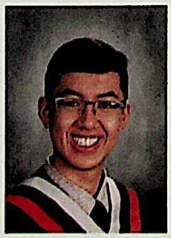
Just live your best life.

PRANJAL THAPAR

Take back to the lit paper I cried over for 9 days and it ended up not changing my mark. If that doesn't describe the high school experience, I don't know what does

GRAYSON TRAN

You're telling me Blueface was rapping on beat?

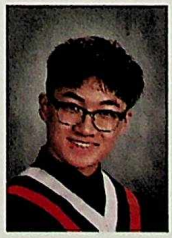


JESSICA TRAN

Wait I'm graduating?

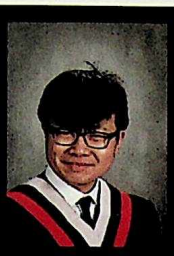
KEVIN TRAN

"Real G's move in silence like lasagna" -Lil Wayne



ADDIS TRANG

Can we just skip to the part of my life where I travel the world?



EDDIE TRINH

2020 finna be a movie

VINA TSE

"Vina Tse(s) herself graduating" - :)

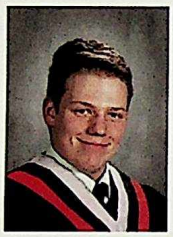
TARIK UNAL

Don't believe what you see because everything has a unique story

HALLE VASQUEZ

NOOR VELAZQUEZ

You can fail at what you don't want so you might as well take a chance at doing what you love

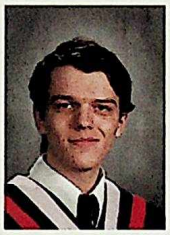


SPENCER VISSER

The only person who can stop you from becoming better is yourself

ALLEN VONGSA

I'm laotian not chinese



MARCUS WALSH

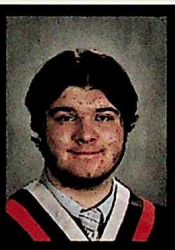
I am just a wee lad coming into my manhood

ALLISON WAN

Things didn't go as planned this year. But that doesn't make our time together any less precious, our achievements any less great, or our high school memories any less unforgettable.

SIMONE WARAWA

"Not try, do or do not there is no try" - Jedi Master Yoda



ETHAN WEBBER

A big thank you to my friends, family, and teachers for making me who I am today.

SARA WHITE

Whatever you do in this life, it's not legendary, unless your friends are there to see it. - Barney Stinson (How I Met Your Mother)

DEREK WONG

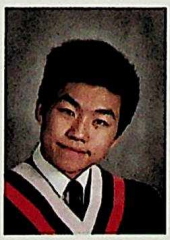
Everyone loves a bad idea when it works.

JORDYN WOODS

The one thing I never paid attention to was social class, and now COVID is making my life a social class.

SABRINA YEE

I think too long!



MARTIN YONG

It is what it is.

TONY YUEN

20 exams cancelled in 2020

HASAN ZAFAR

"One Piece: Fishman Island, episode 523, minute 8:32 "

RANA ZAHOUI

I'm cruisin'

ZIAD ZAHOUI

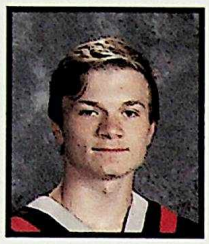
Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why it is called the "present." That is also why I did not do the assignment, sorry teach. SUPREZ2020

JANNAH ZAHR

"Aren't you that girl that dances?" -Everyone

MACKENZIE ZWICKER

That's a pretty fast year flew by - Frank Ocean (skyline to)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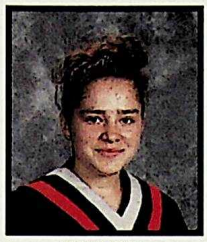
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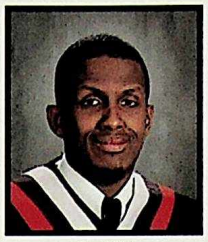
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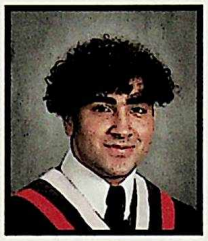
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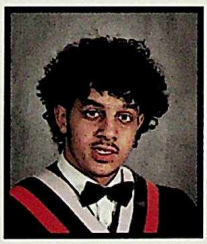
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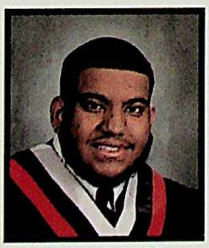
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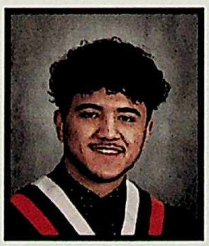
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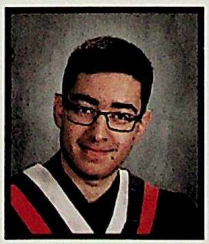
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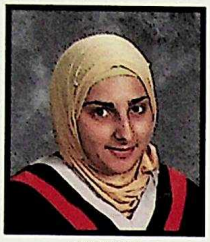
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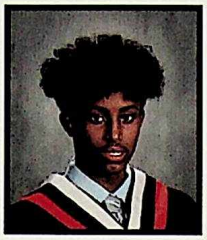
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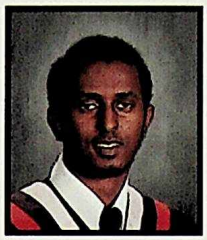
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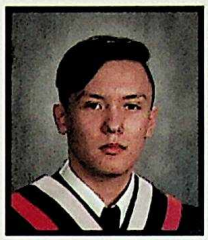
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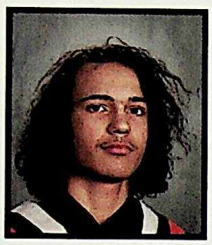
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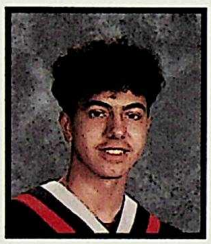
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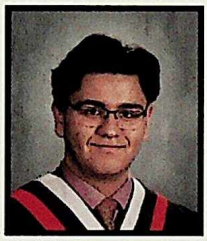
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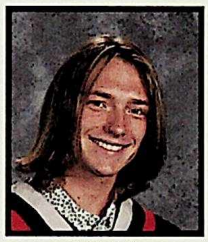
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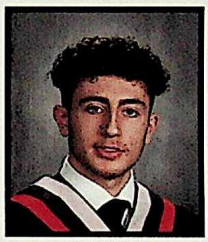
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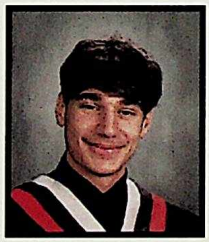
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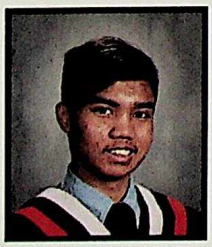
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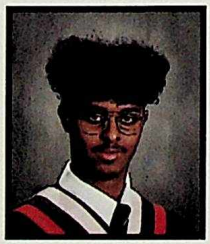
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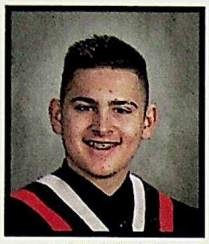
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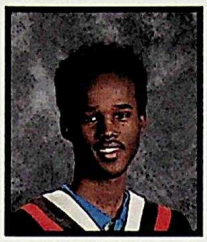
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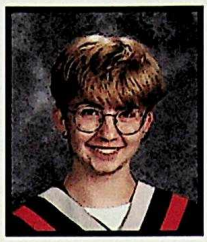
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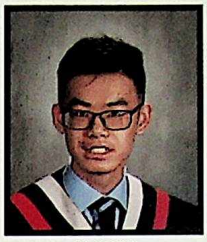
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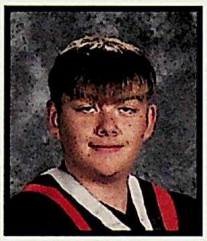
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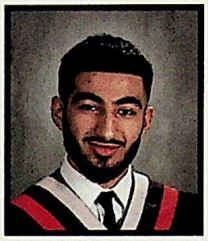
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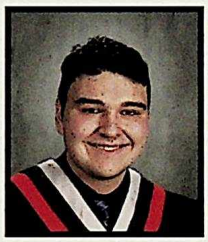
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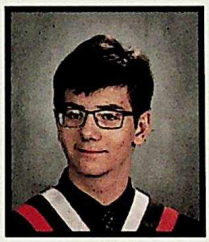
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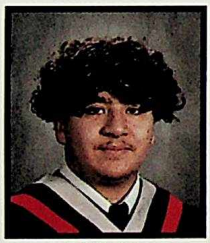
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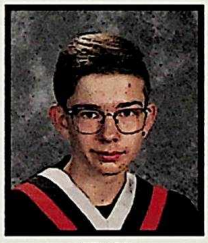
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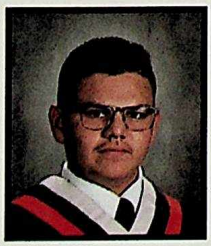
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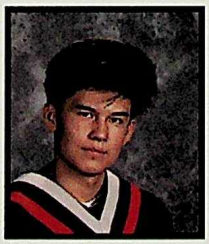
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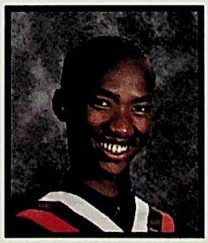
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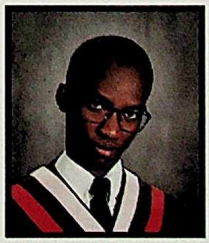
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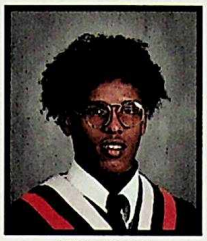
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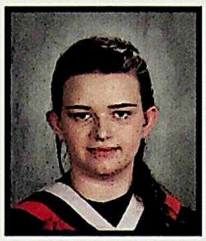
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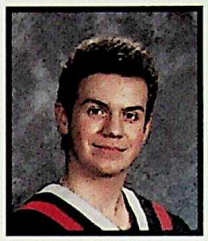
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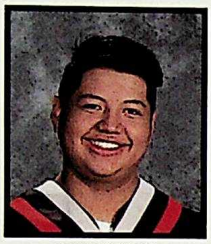
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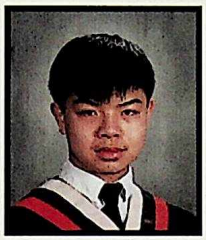
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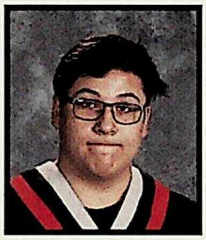
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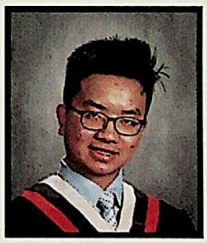
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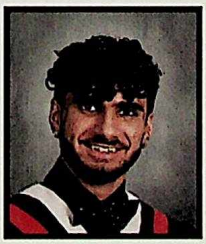
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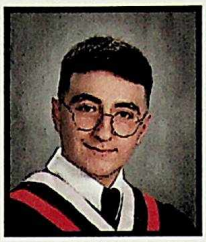
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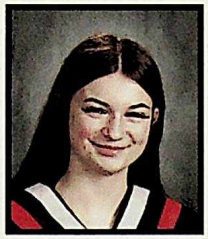
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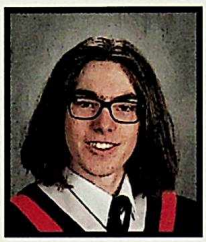
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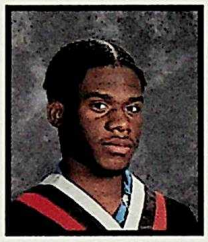
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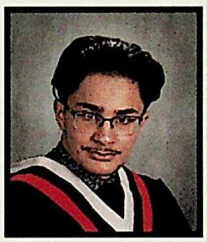
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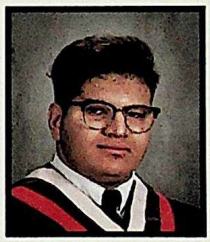
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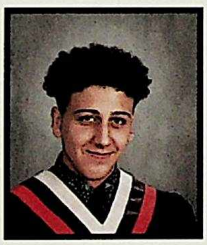
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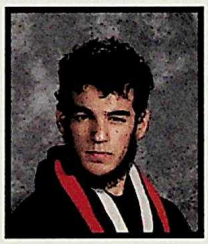
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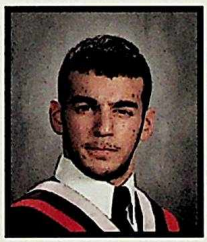
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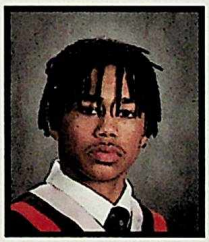
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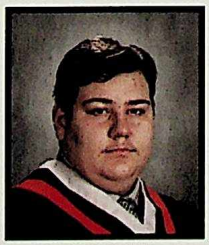
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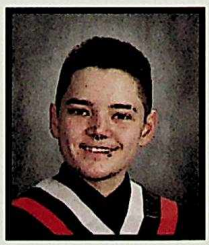
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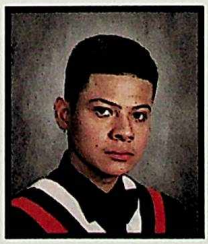
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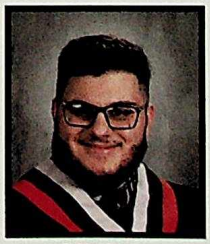
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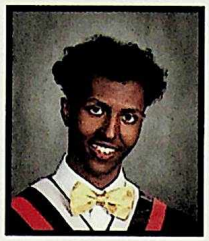
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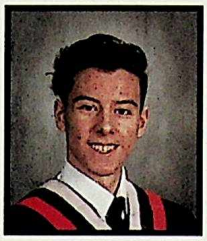
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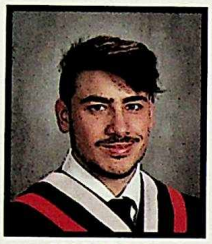
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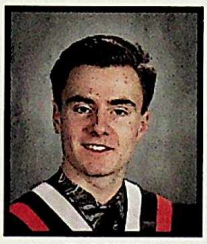
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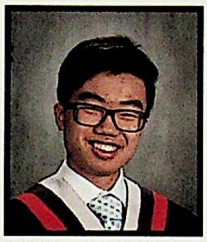
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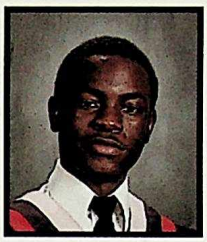
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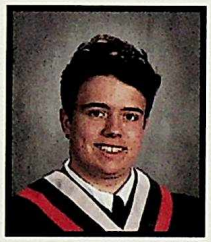
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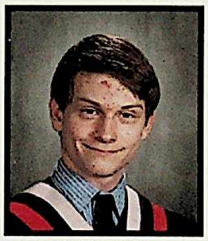
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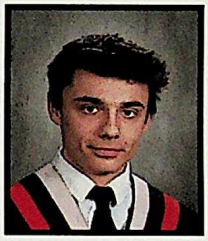
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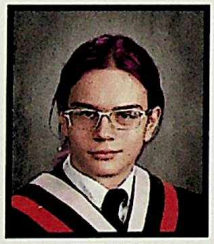
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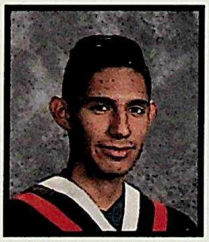
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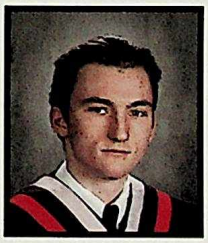
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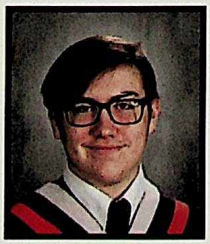
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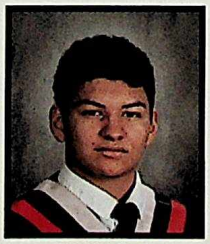
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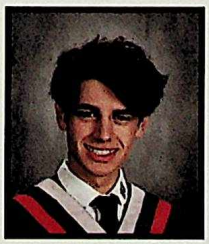
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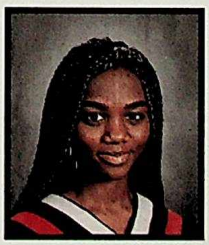
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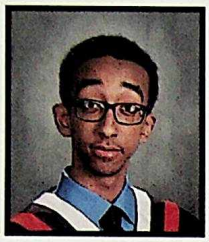
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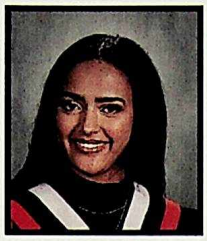
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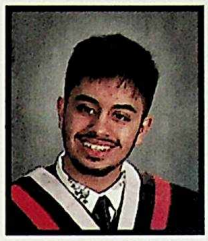
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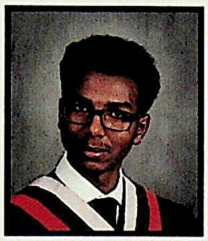
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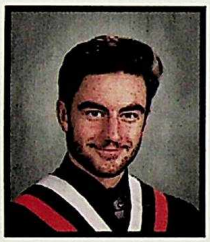
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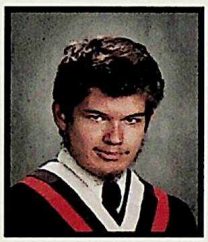
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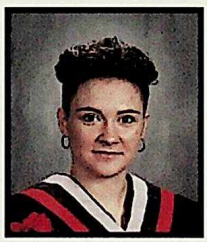
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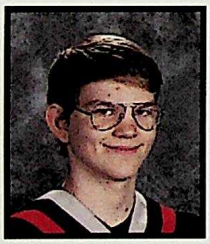
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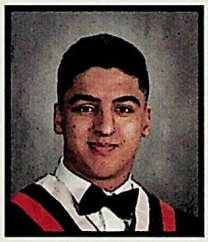
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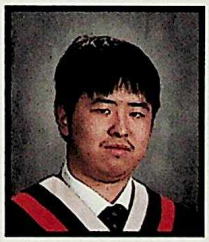
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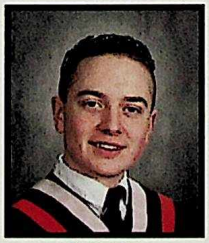
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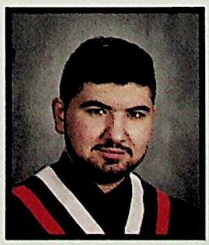
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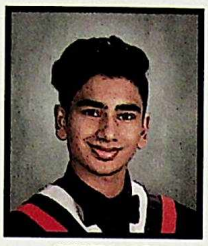
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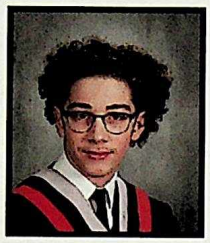
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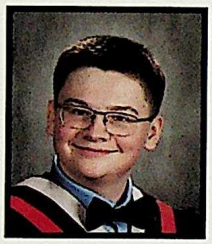
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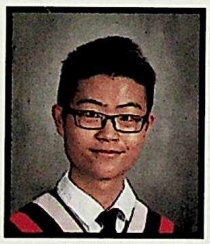
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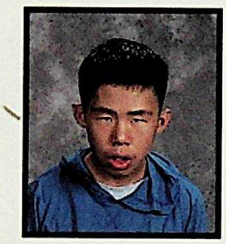
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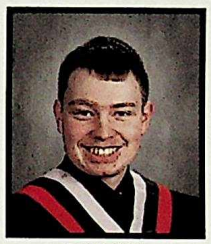
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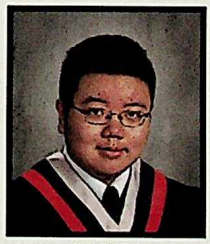
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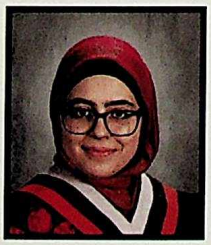
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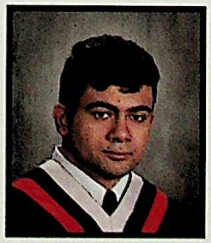
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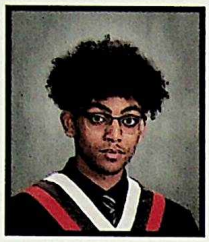
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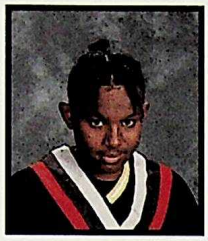
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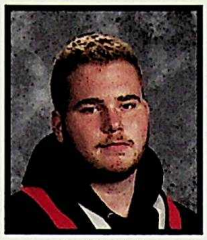
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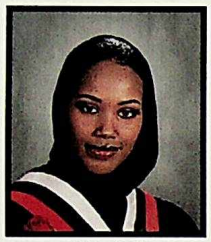
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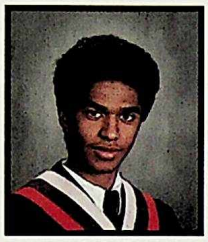
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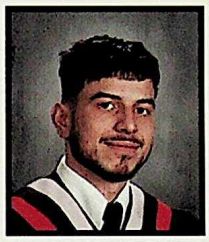
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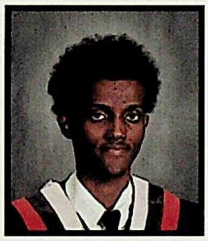
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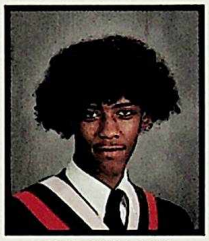
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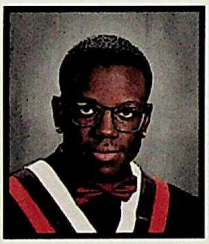
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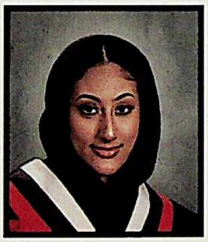
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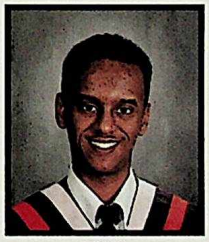
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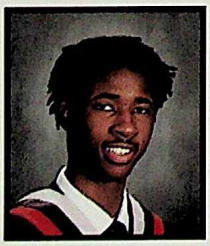
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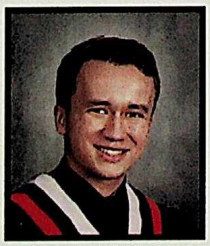
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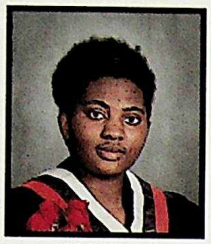
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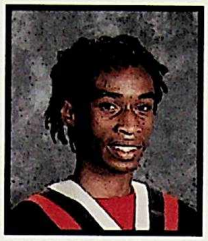
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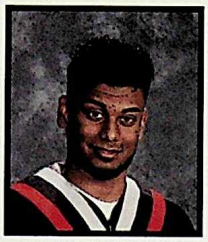
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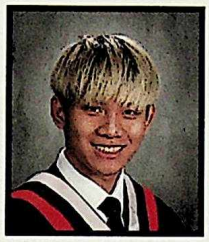
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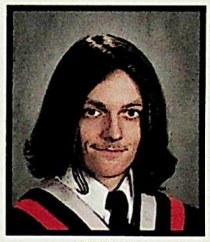
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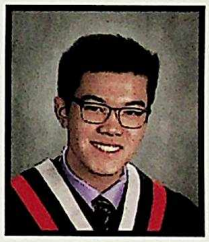
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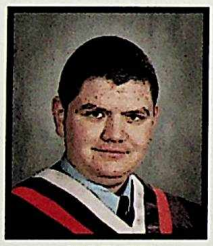
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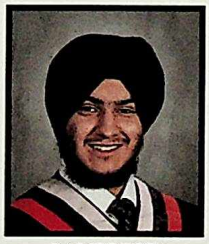
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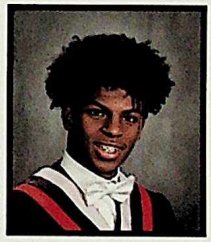
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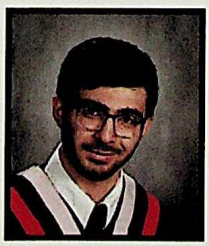
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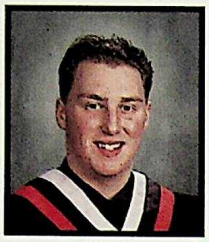
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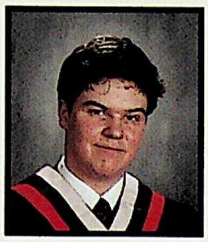
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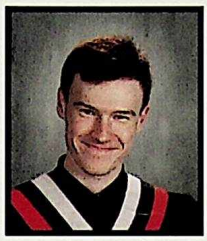
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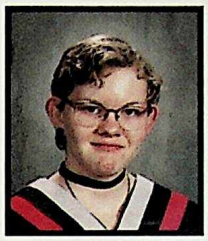
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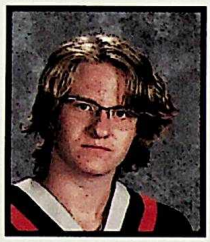
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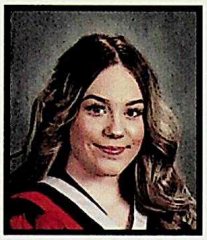
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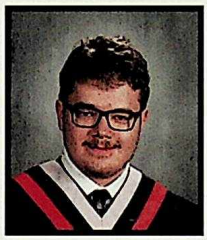
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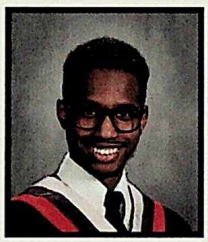
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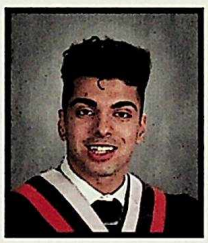
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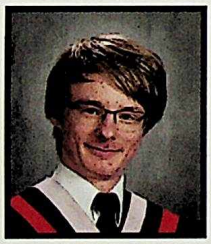
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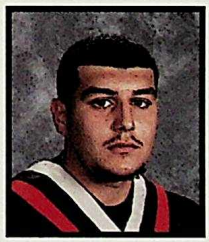
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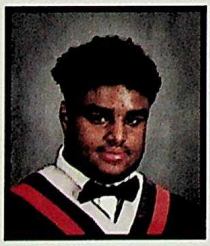
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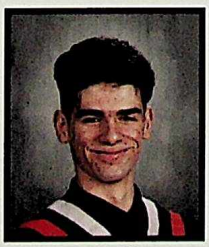
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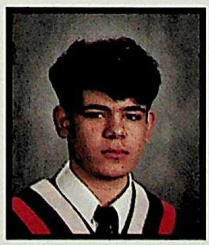
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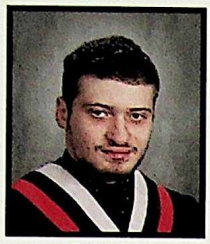
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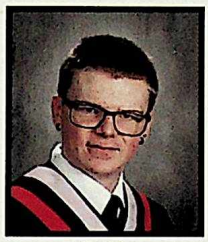
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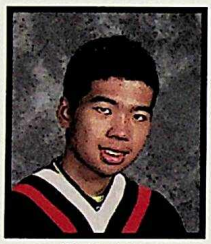
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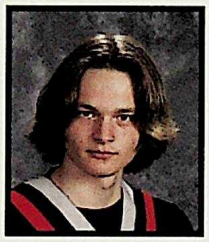
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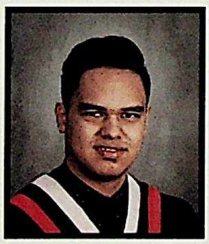
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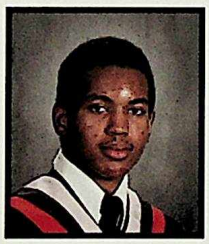
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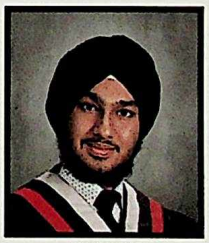
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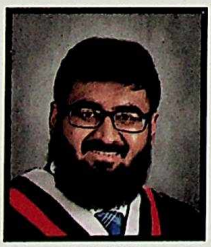
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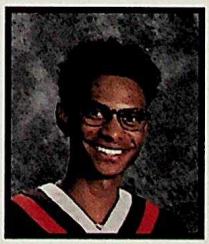
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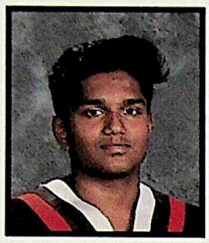
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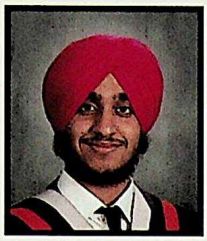
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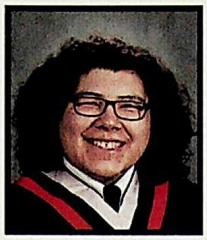
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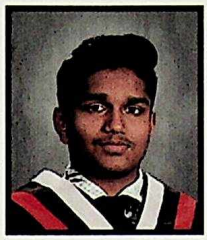
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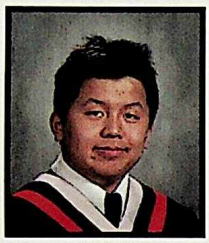
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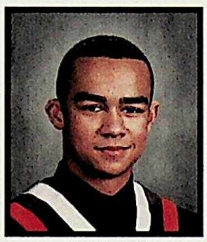
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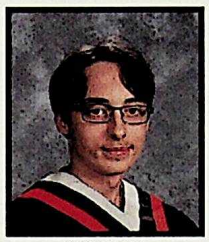
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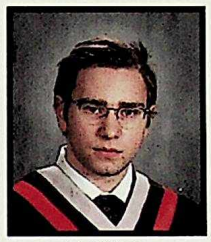
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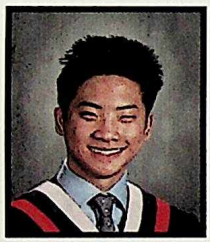
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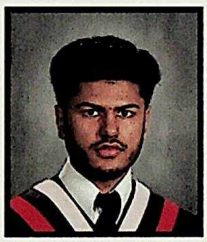
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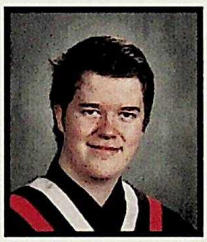
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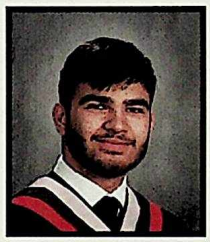
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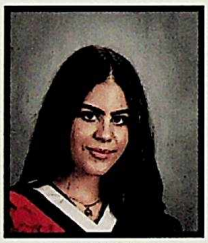
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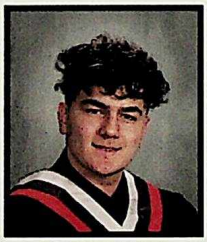
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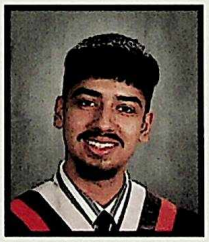
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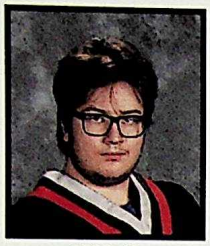
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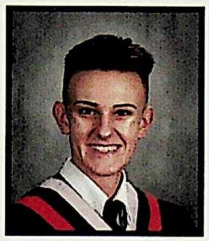
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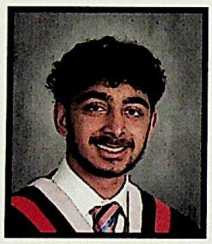
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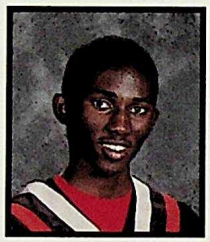
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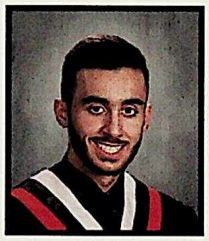
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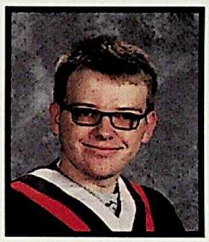
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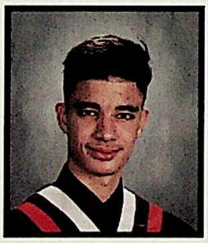
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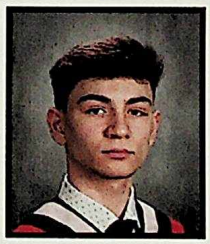
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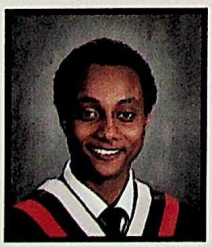
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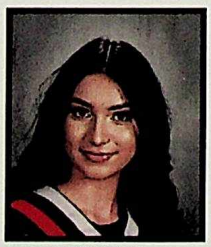
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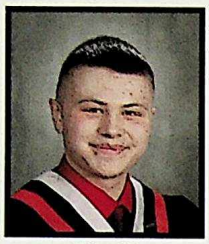
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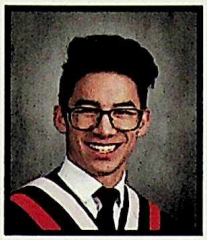
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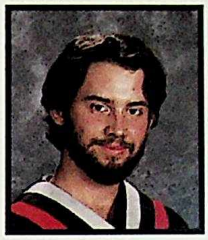
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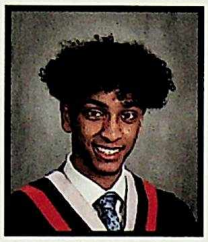
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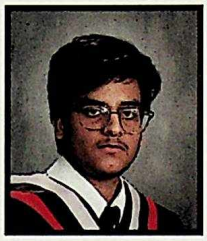
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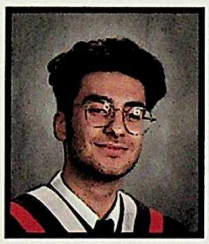
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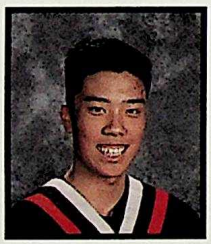
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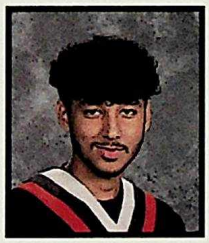
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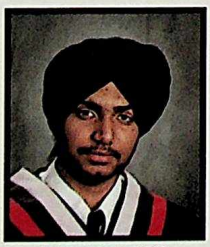
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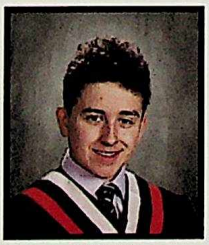
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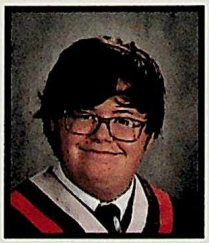
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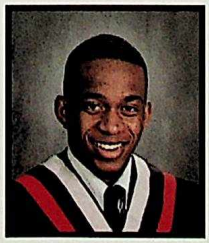
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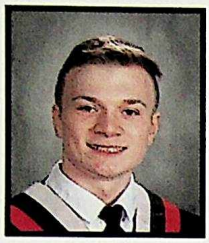
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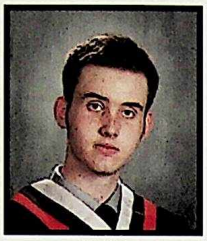
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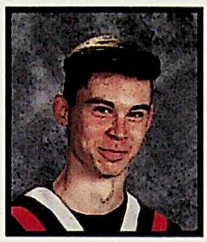
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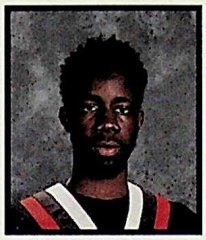
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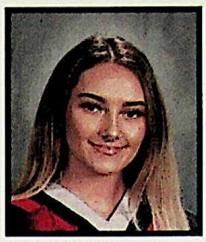
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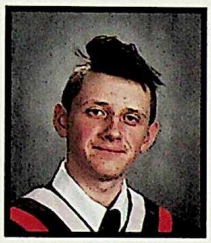
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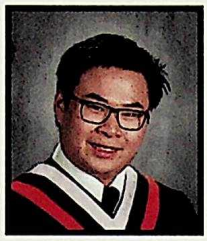
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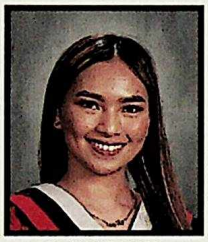
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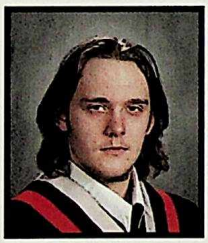
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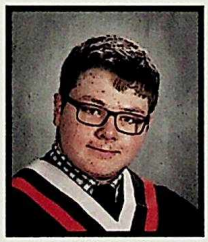
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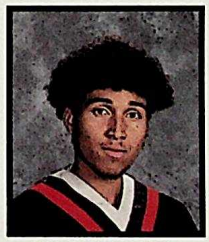
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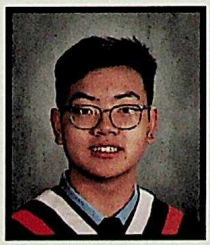
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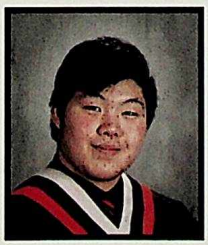
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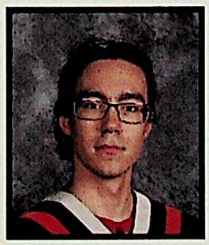
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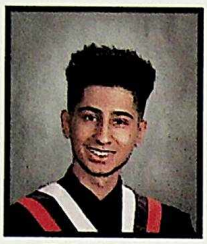
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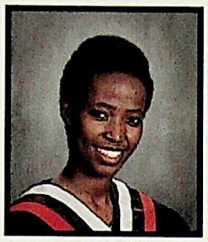
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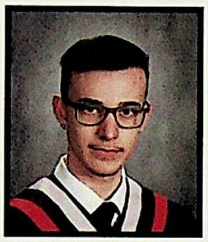
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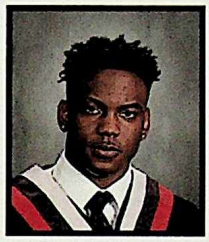
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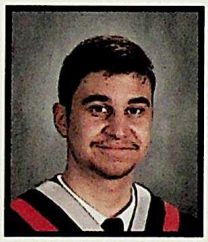
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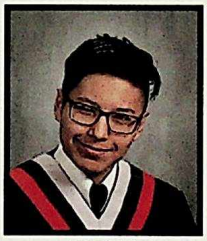
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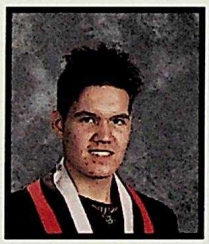
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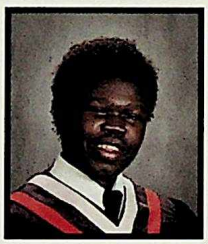
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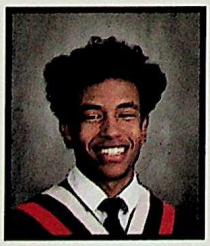
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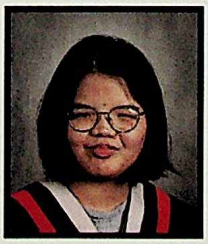
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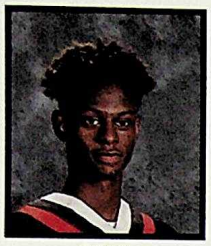
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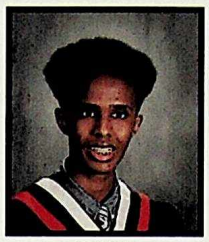
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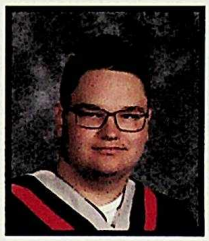
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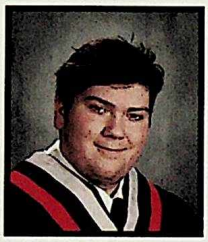
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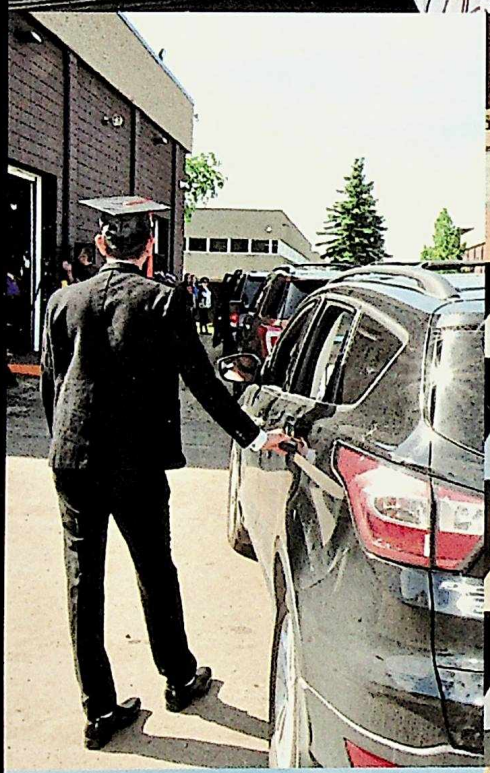

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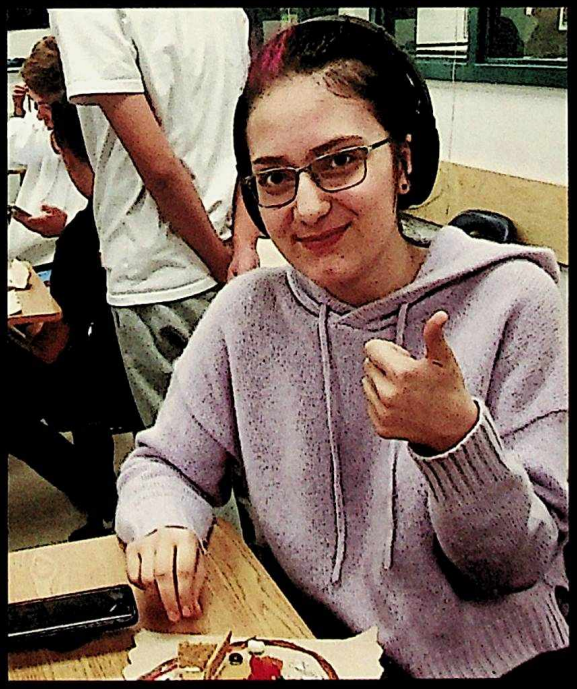

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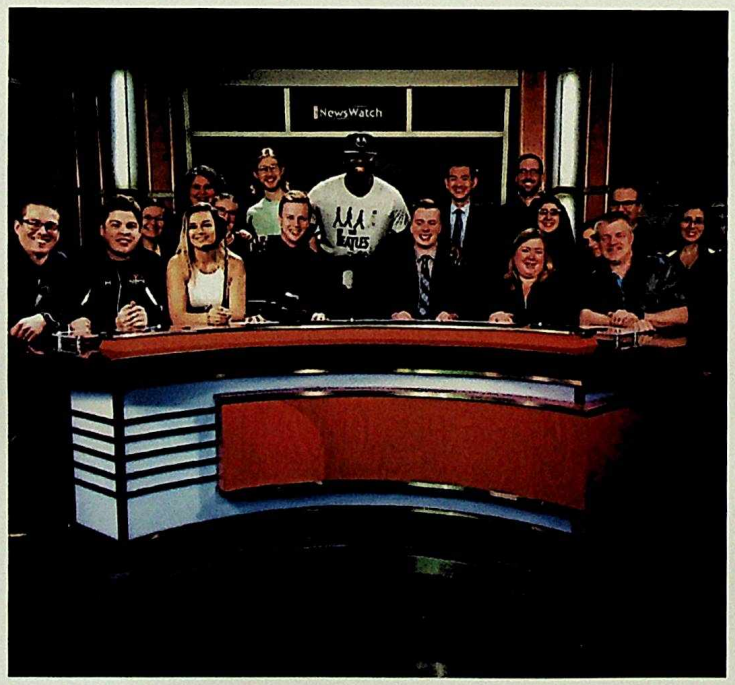
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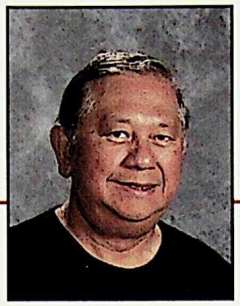
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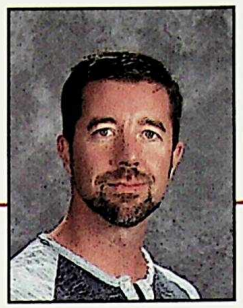
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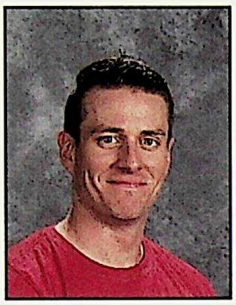
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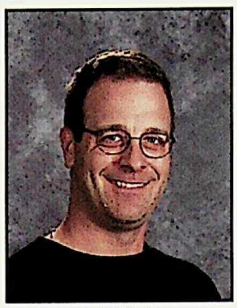
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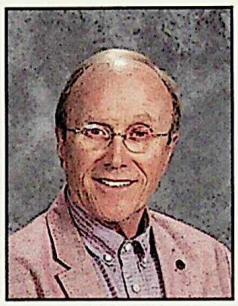
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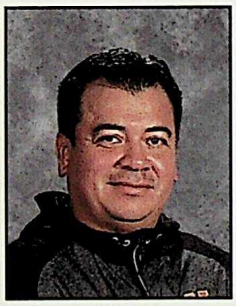
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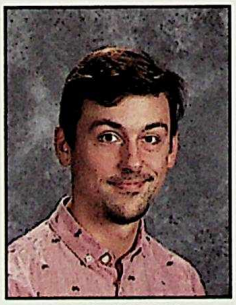
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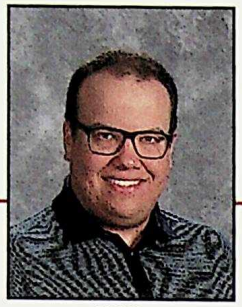
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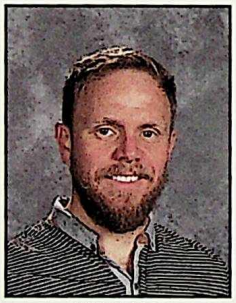
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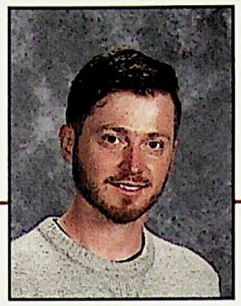
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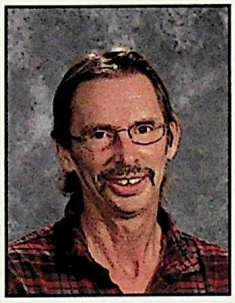
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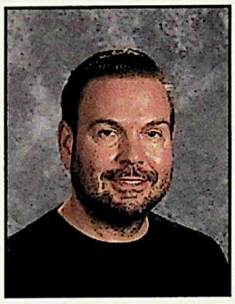
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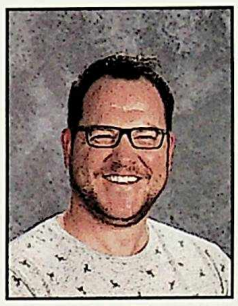
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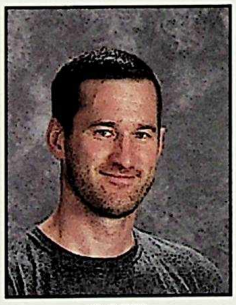
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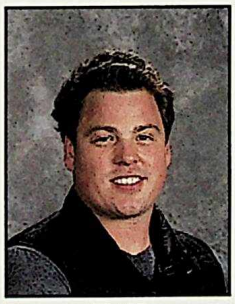
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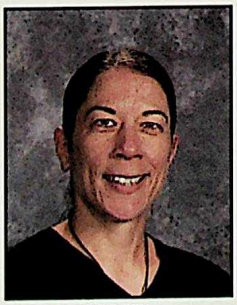
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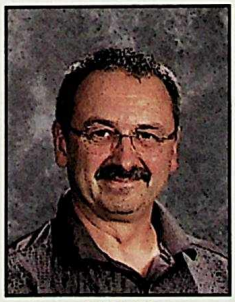
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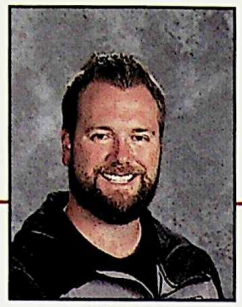
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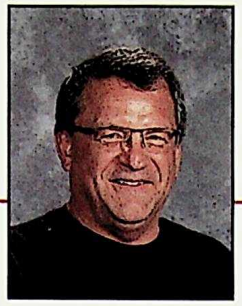
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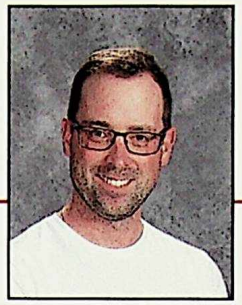
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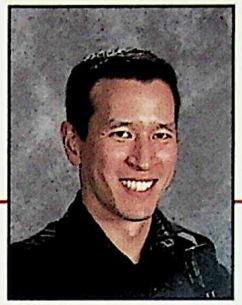
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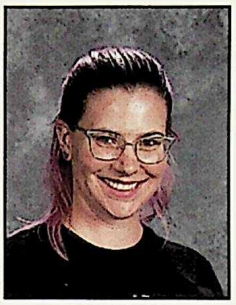
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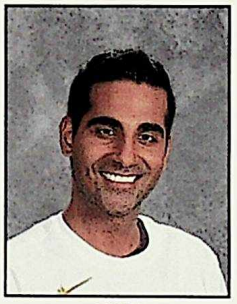
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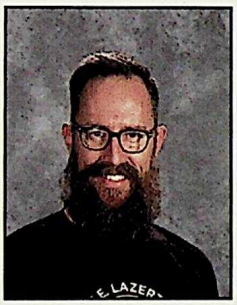
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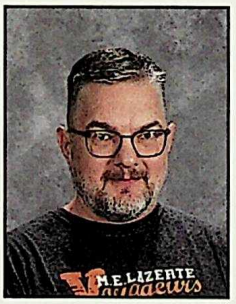
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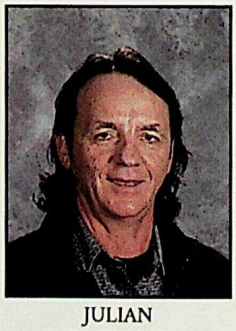
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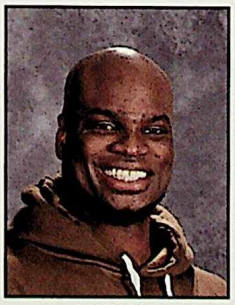
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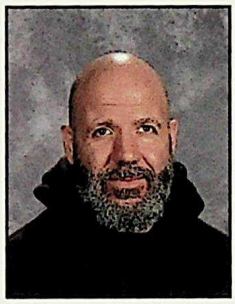
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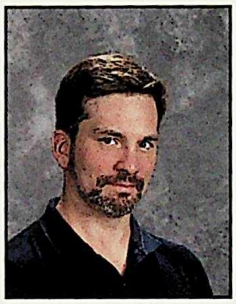
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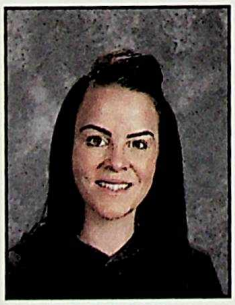
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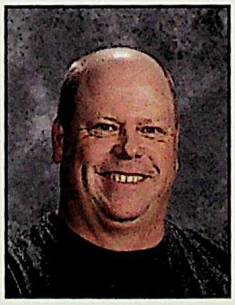
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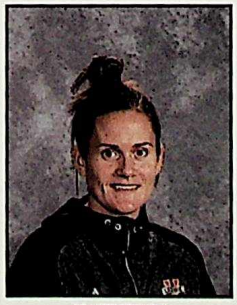
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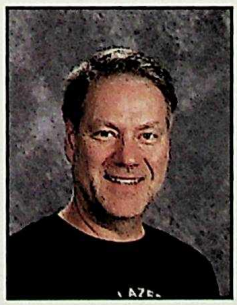
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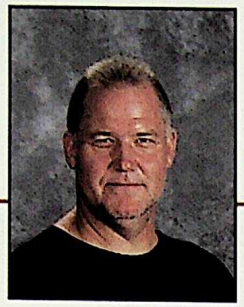
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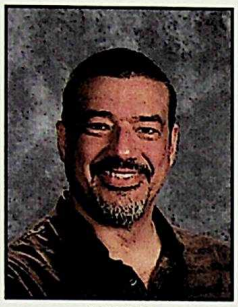
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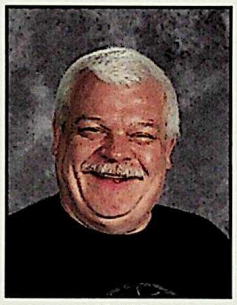
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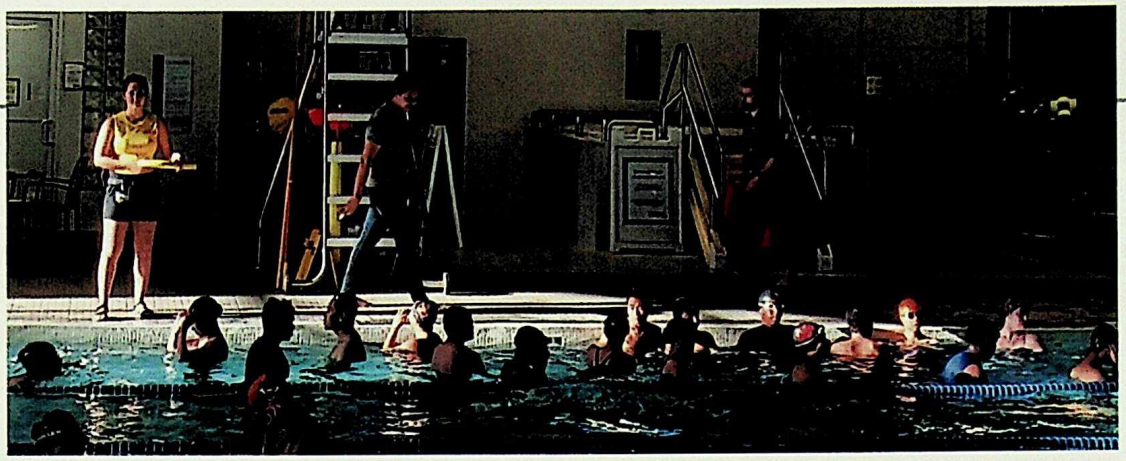

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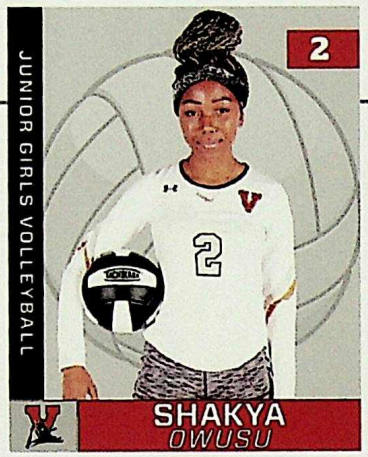
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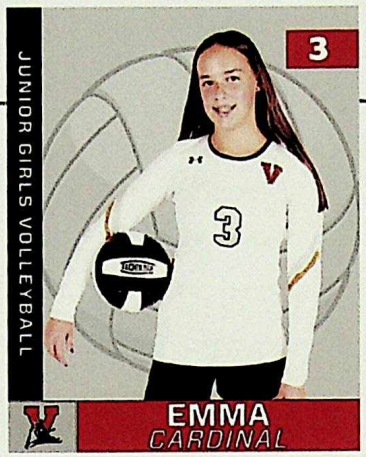
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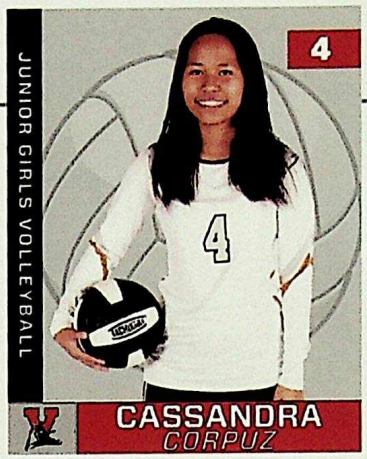
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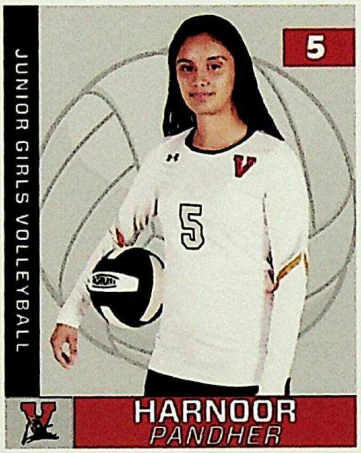
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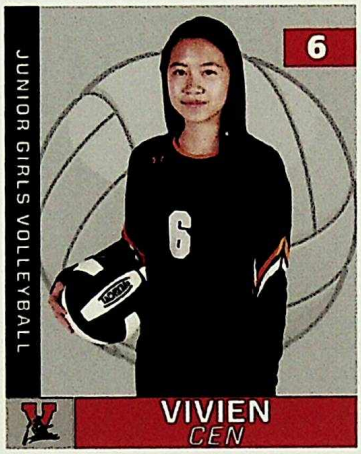
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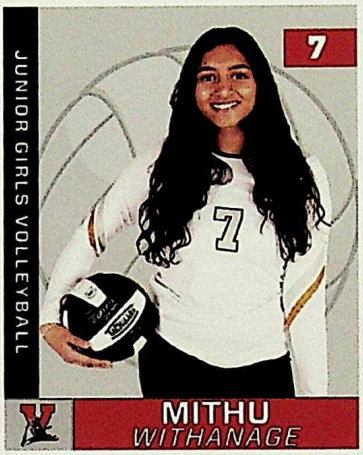
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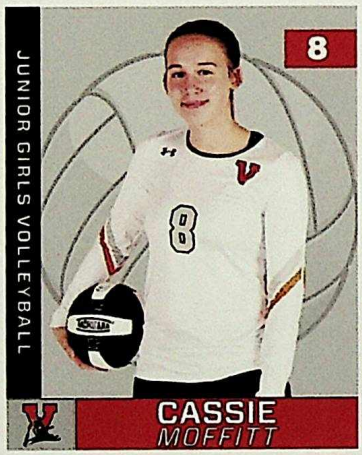
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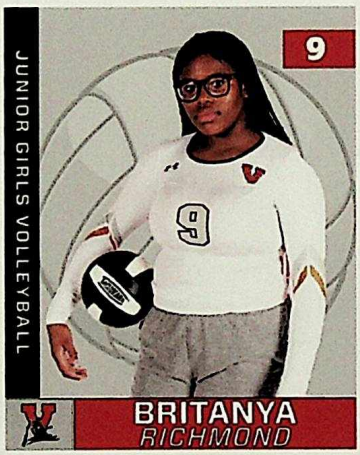
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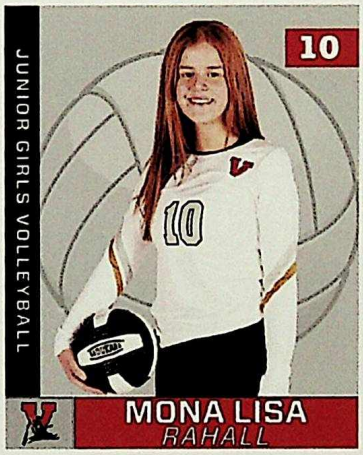
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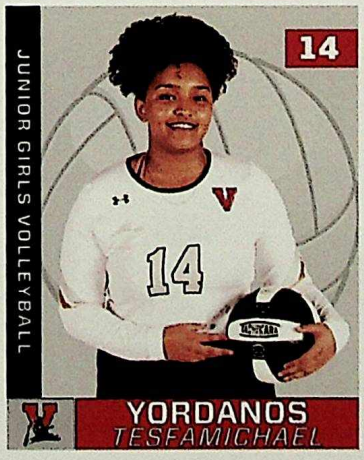
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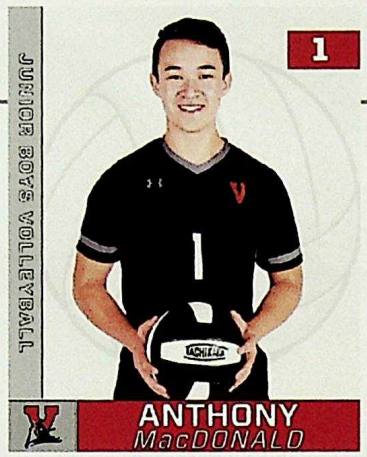
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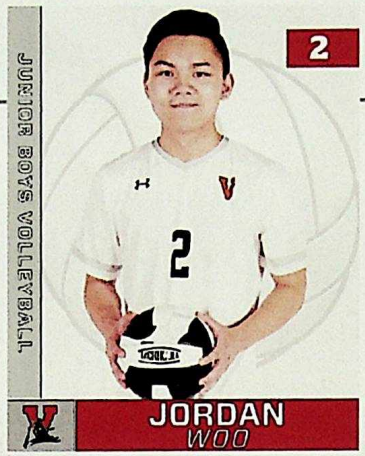
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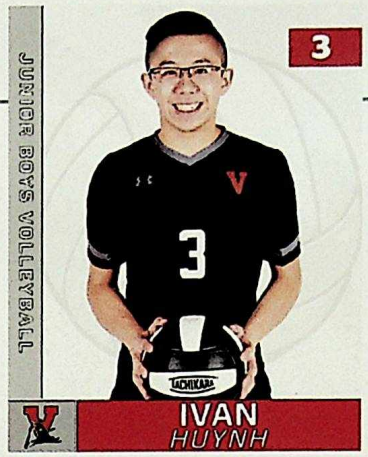
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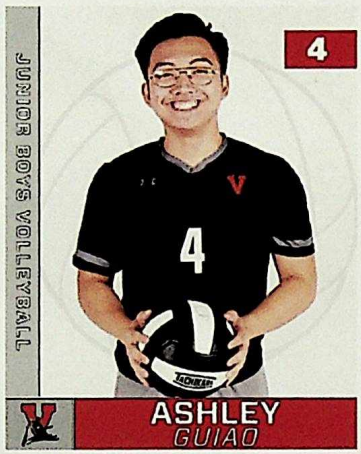
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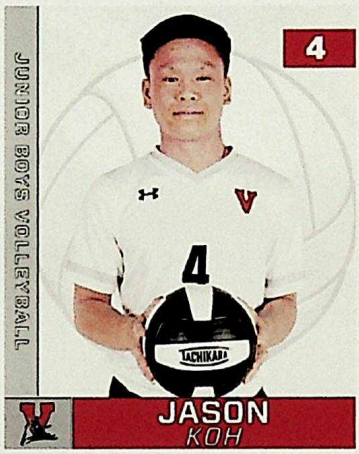
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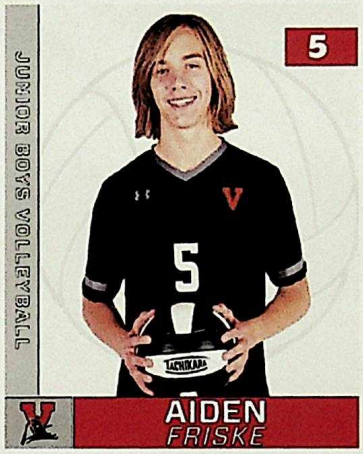
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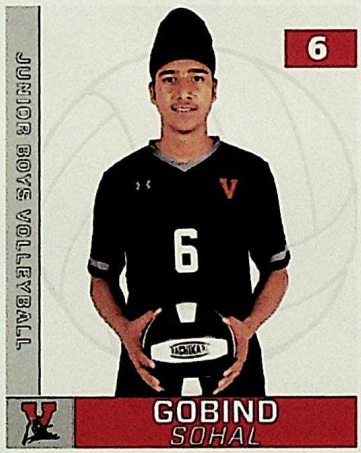
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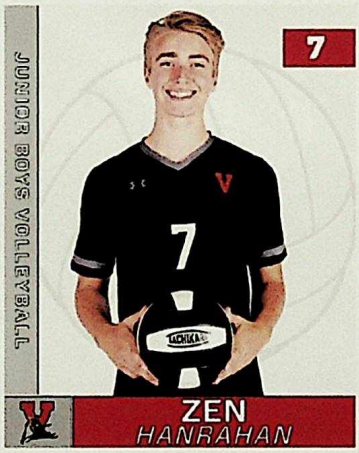
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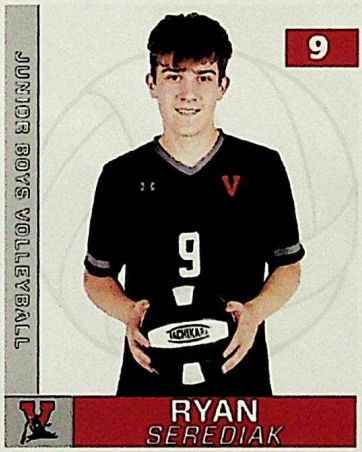
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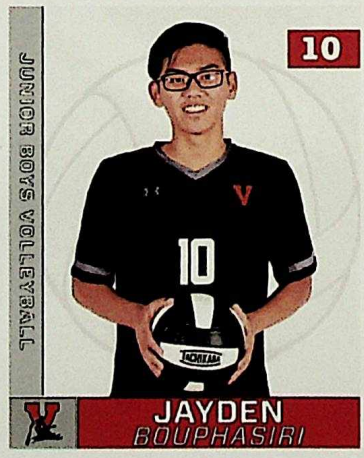
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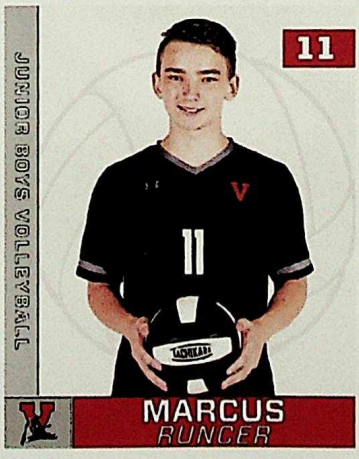
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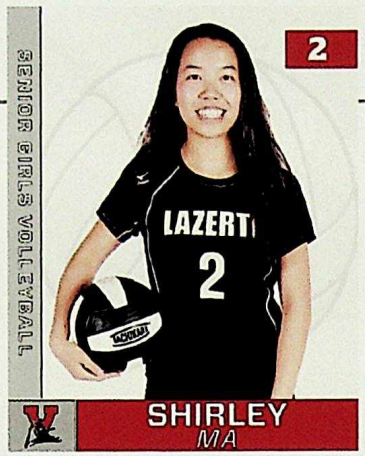
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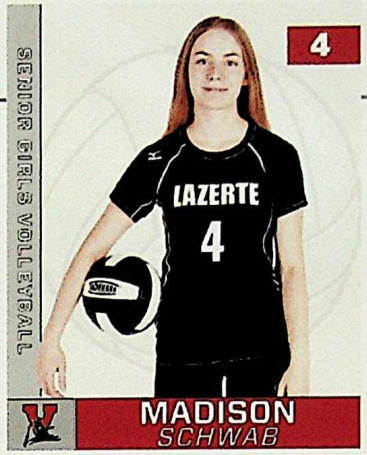
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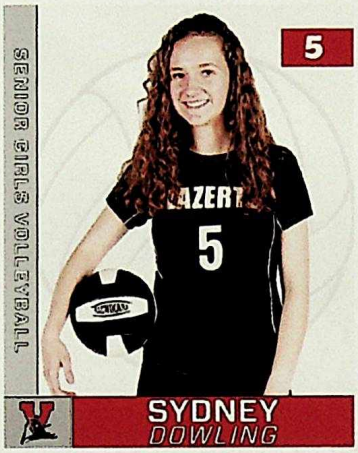
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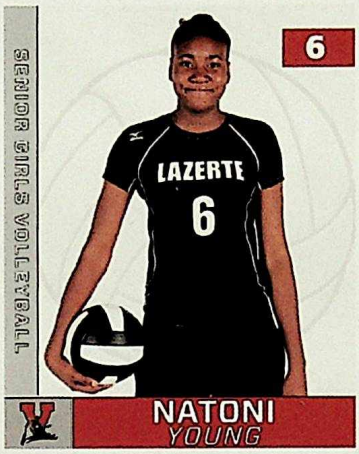
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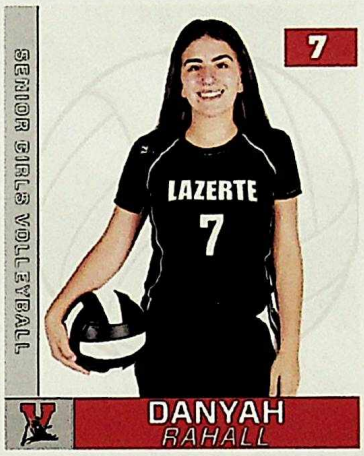
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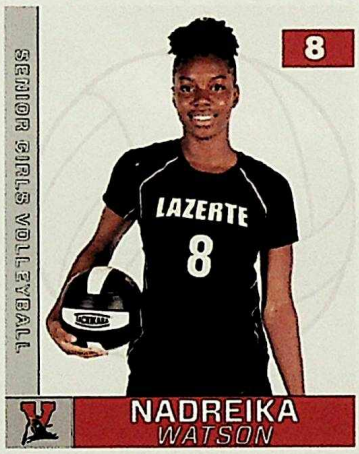
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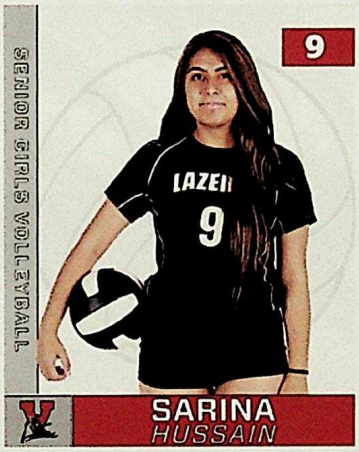
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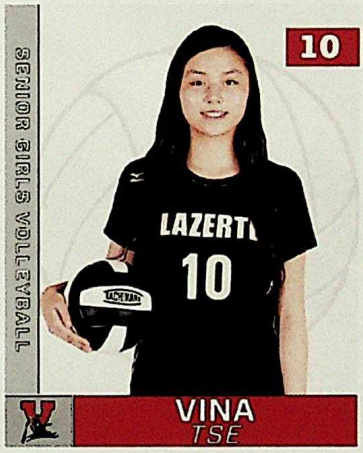
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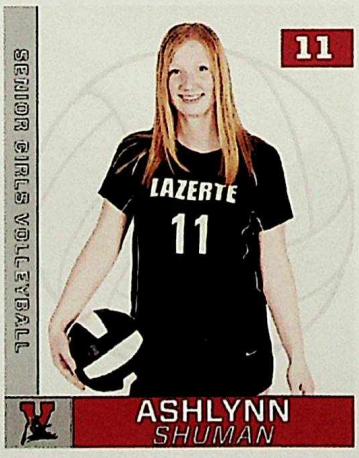
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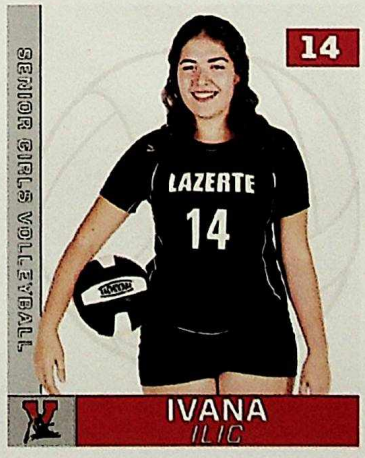
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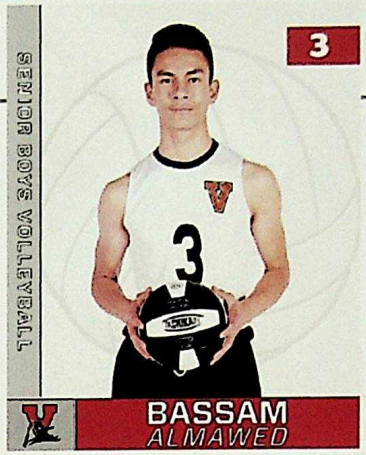
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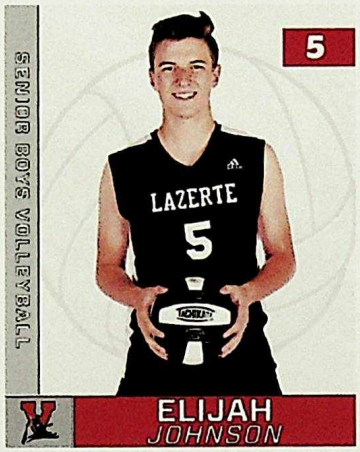
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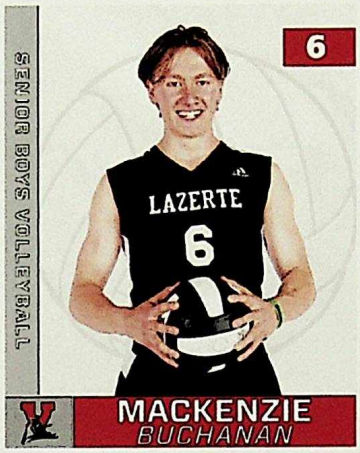
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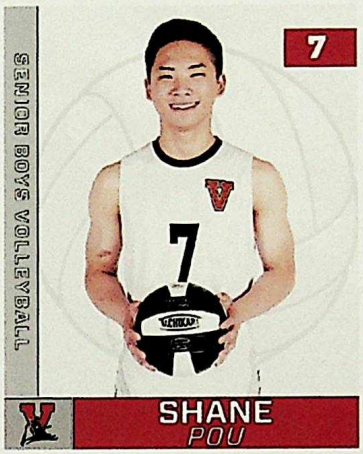
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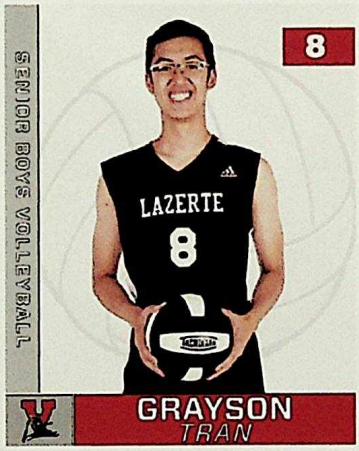
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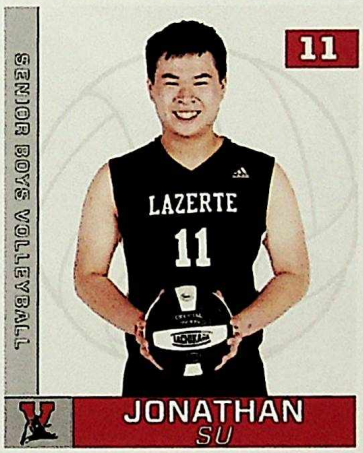
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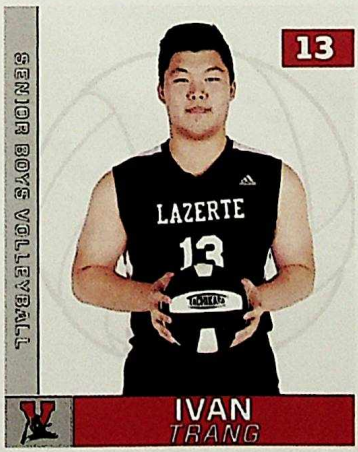
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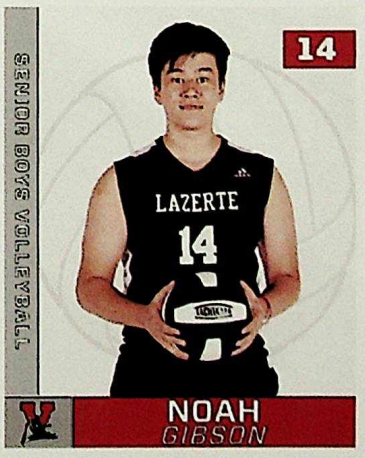
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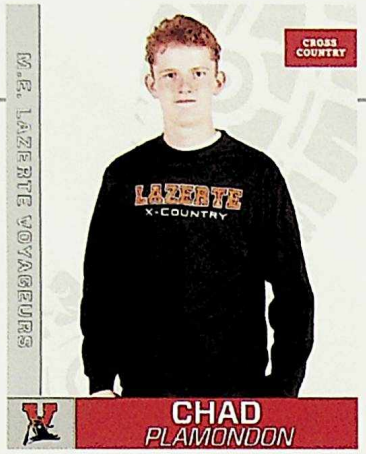

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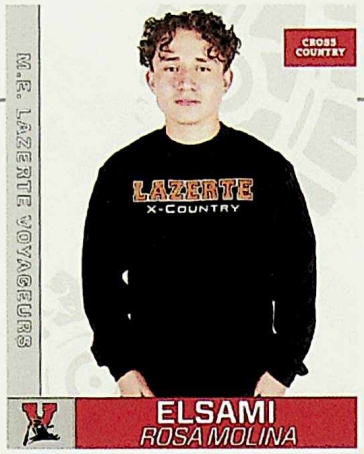

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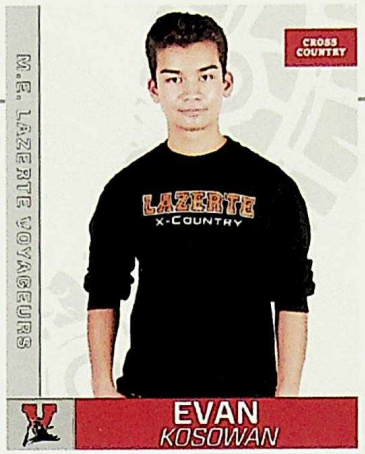

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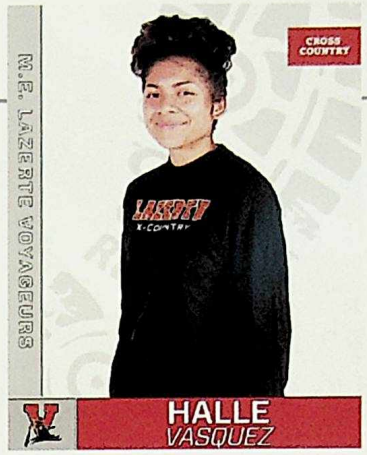

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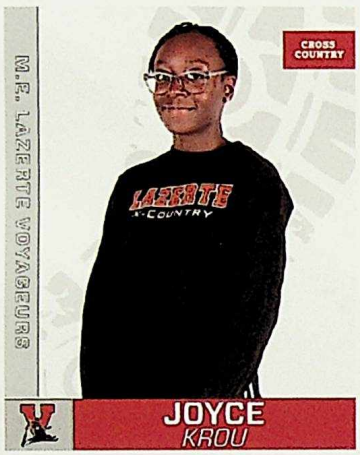

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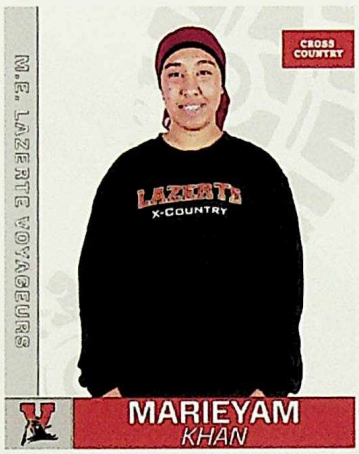

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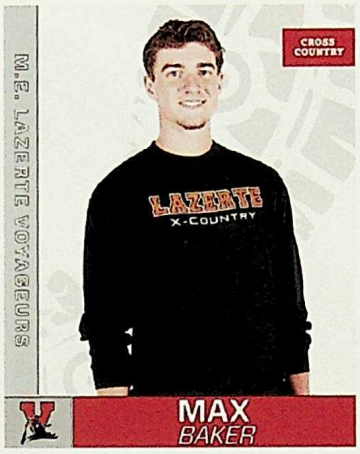

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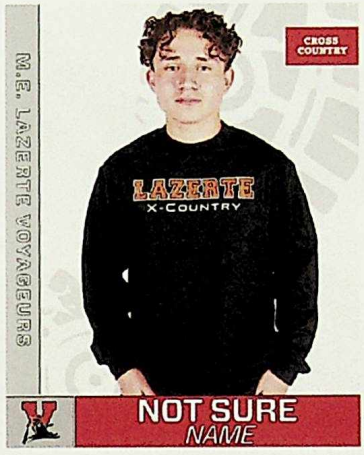

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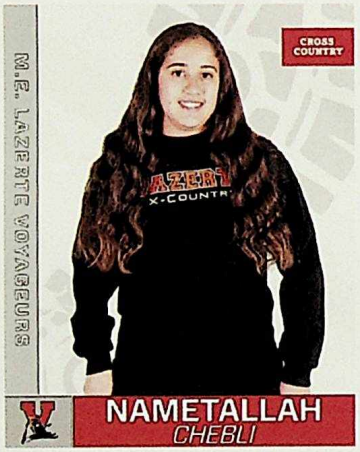

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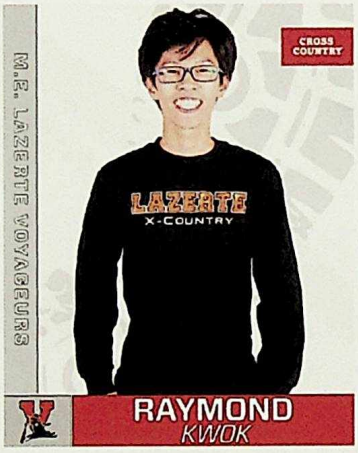

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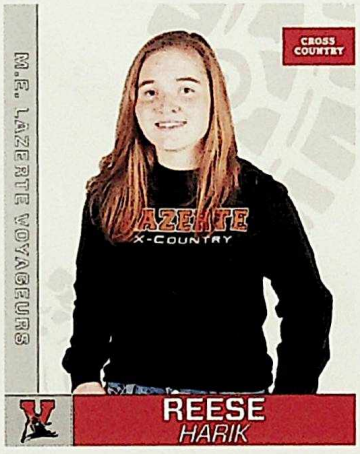

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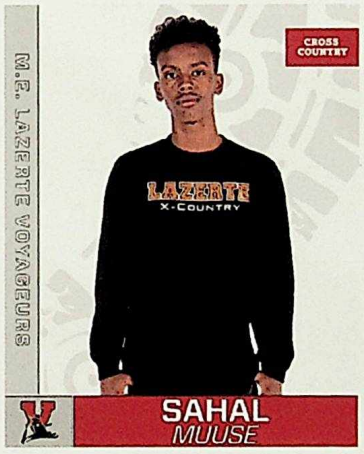

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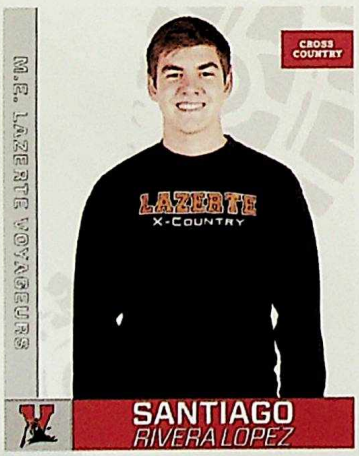

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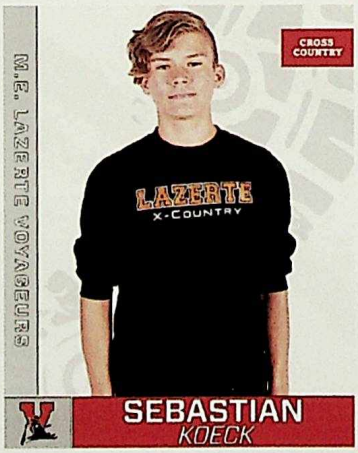

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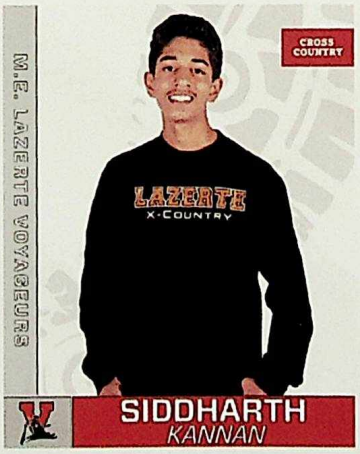

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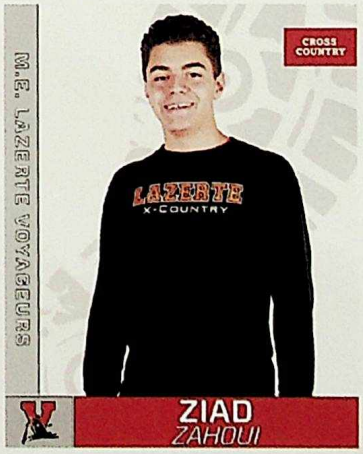

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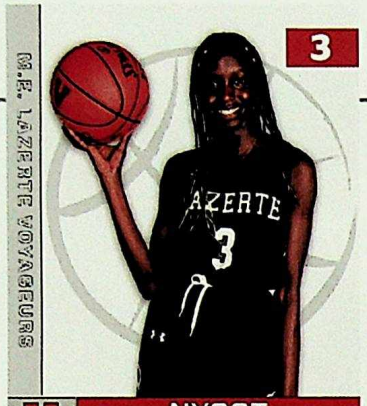

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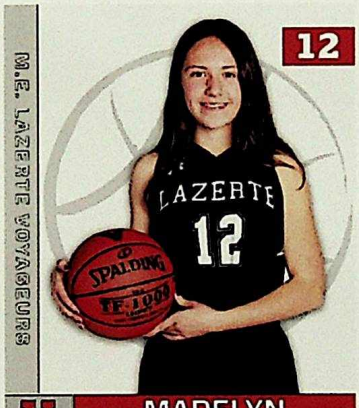

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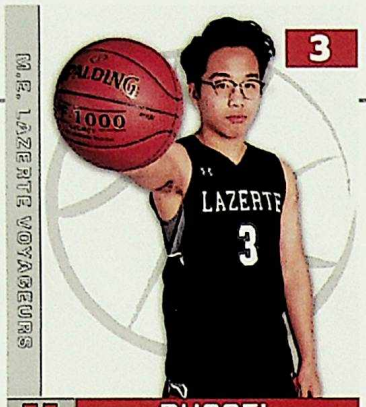

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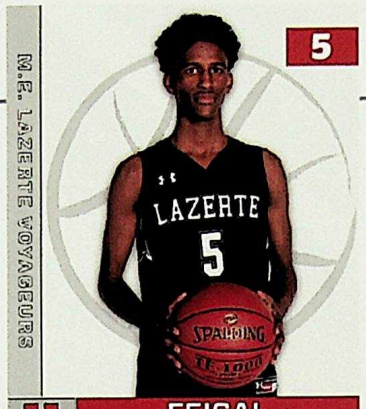

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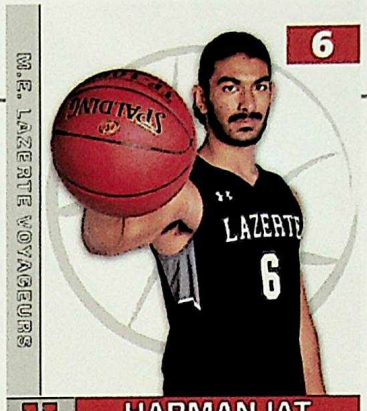

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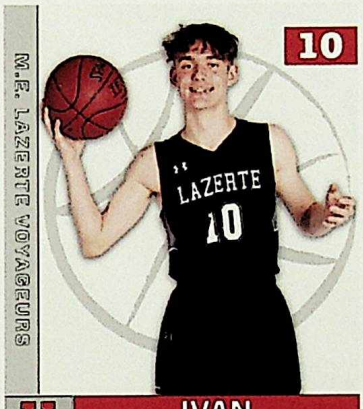

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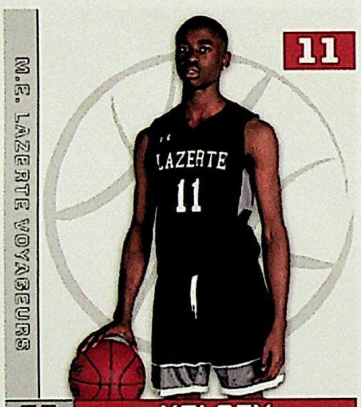

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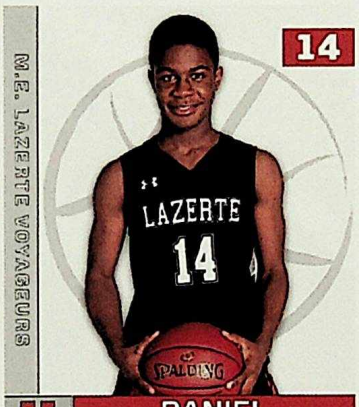

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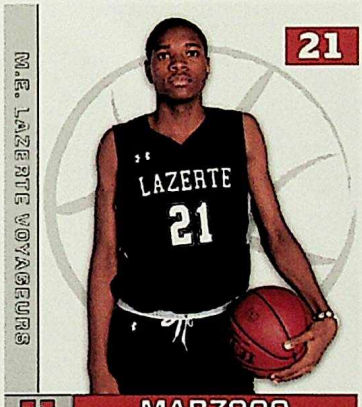

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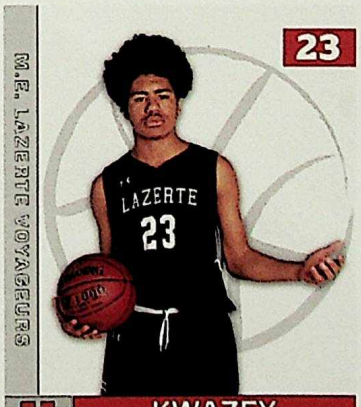

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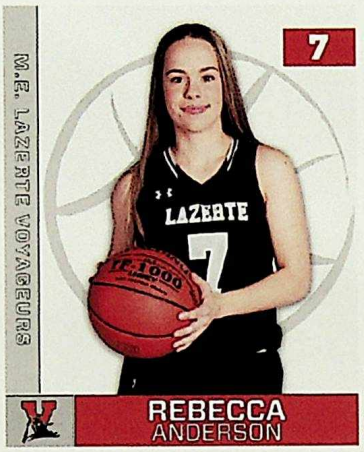

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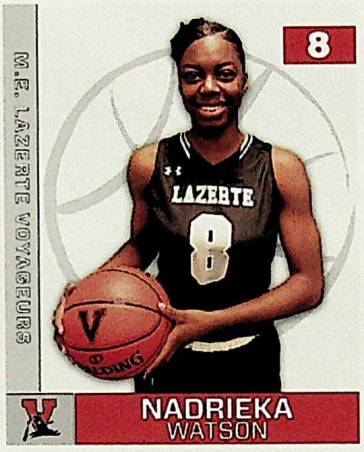

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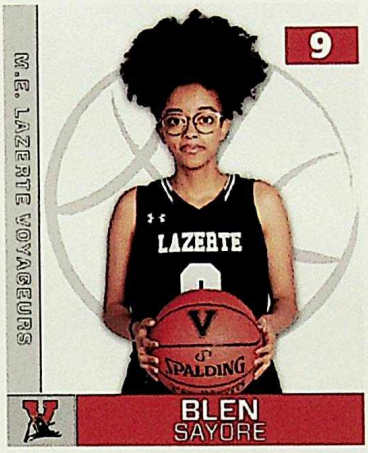

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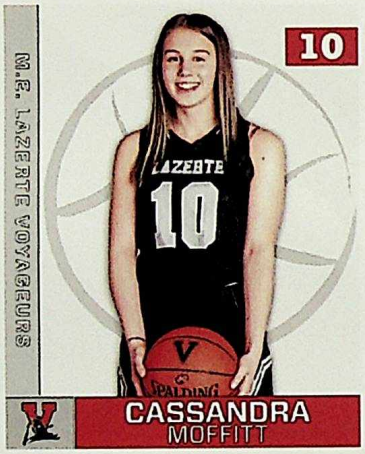

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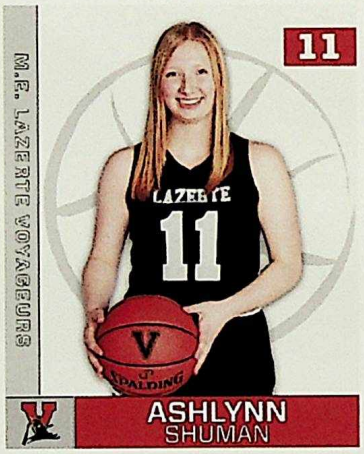

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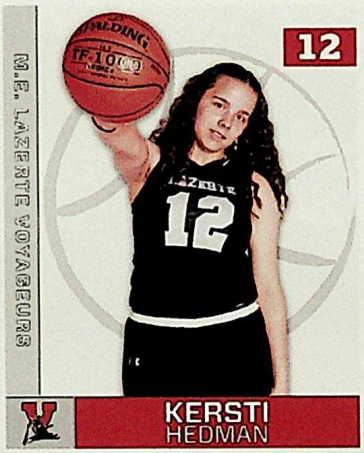

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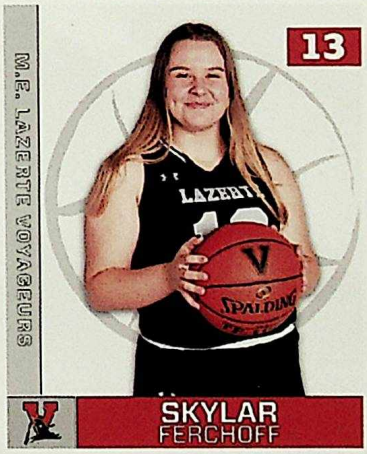

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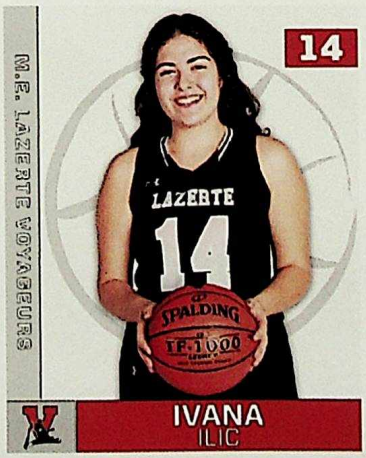

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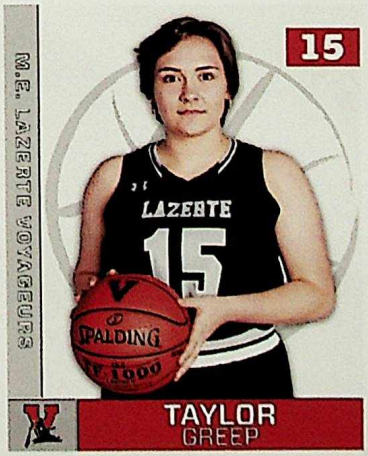

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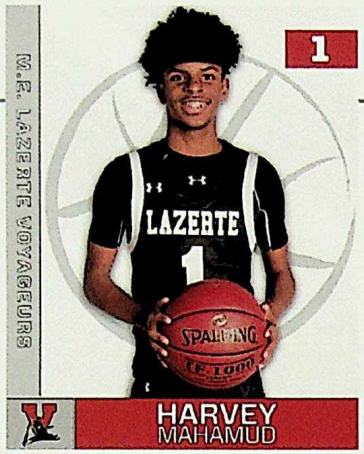

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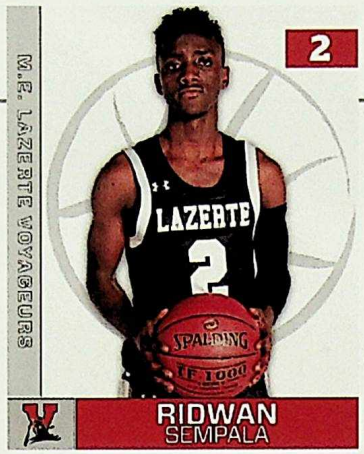

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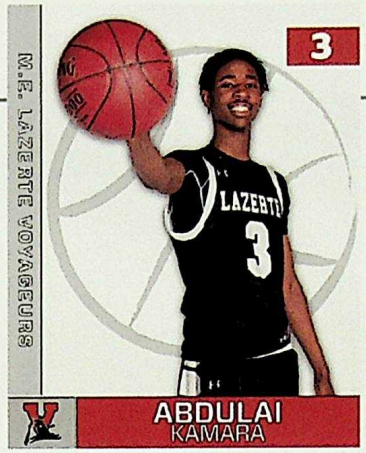

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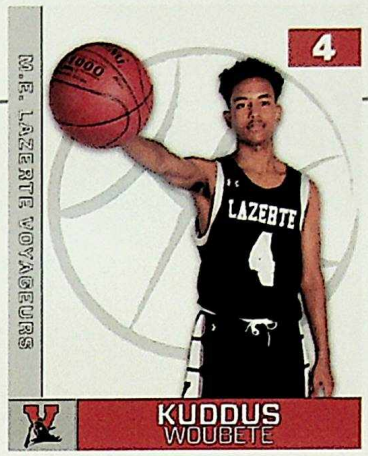

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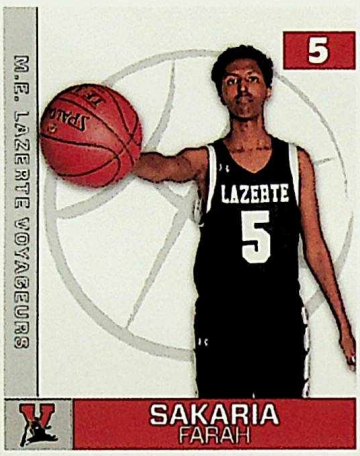

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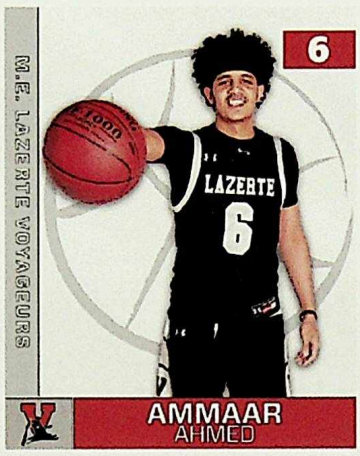

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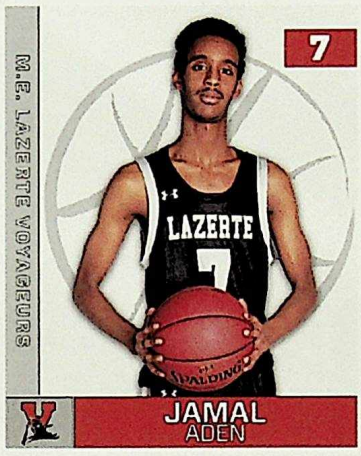

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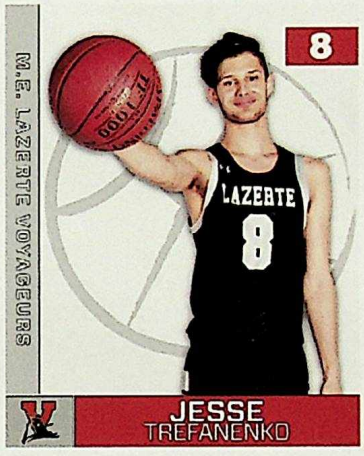

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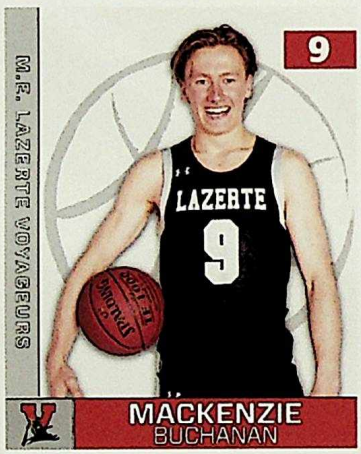

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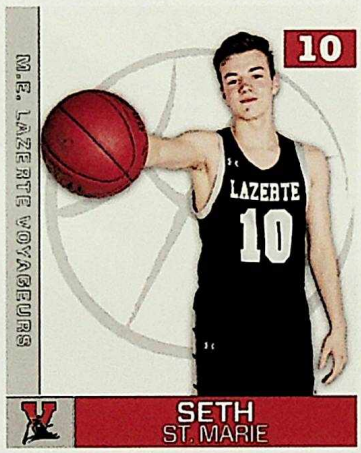

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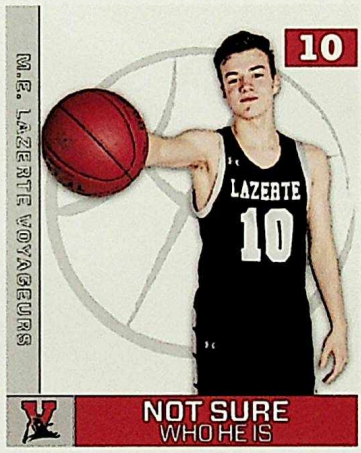

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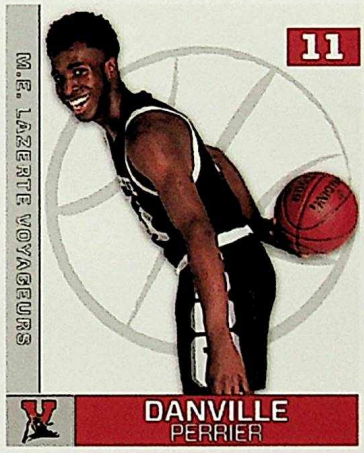

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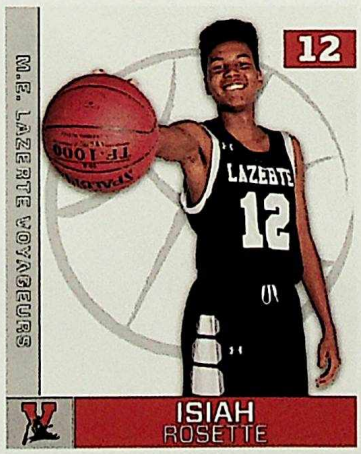

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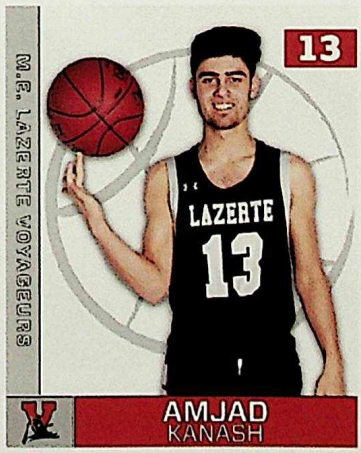

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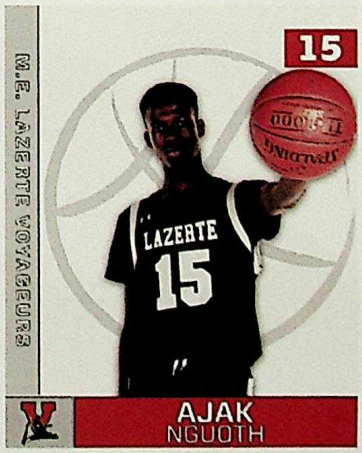

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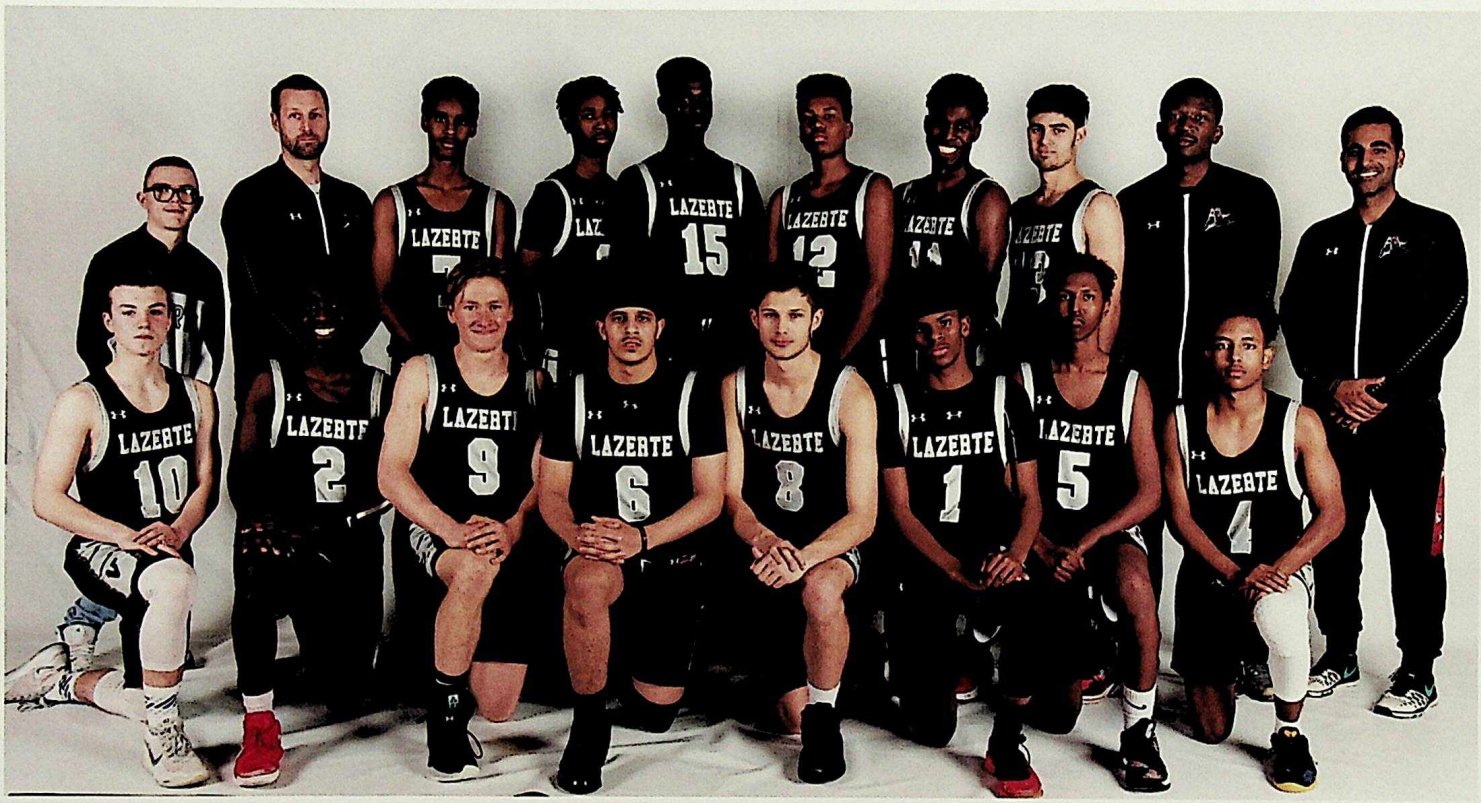

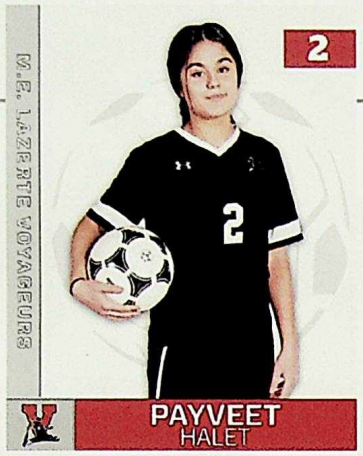

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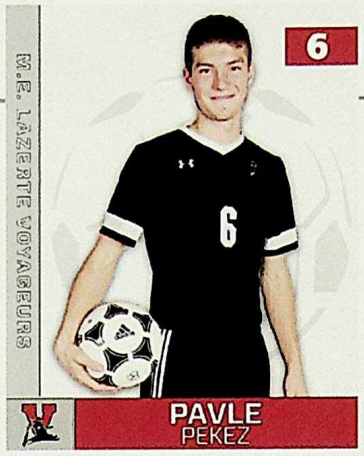

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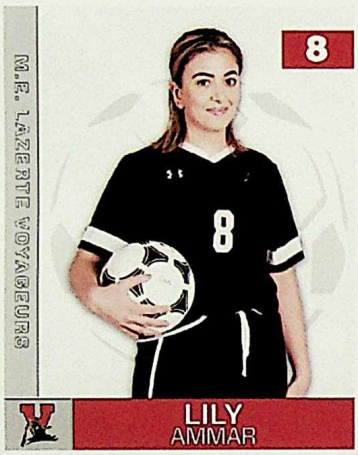

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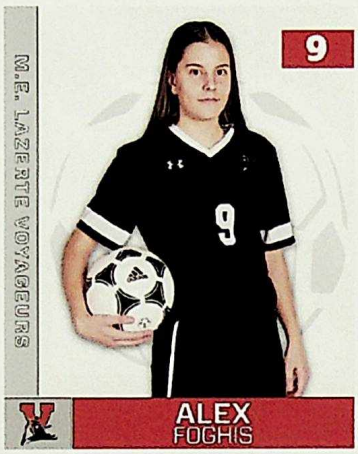

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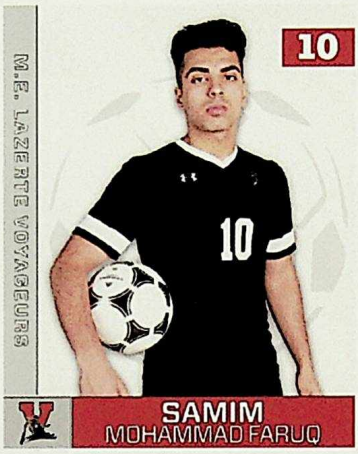

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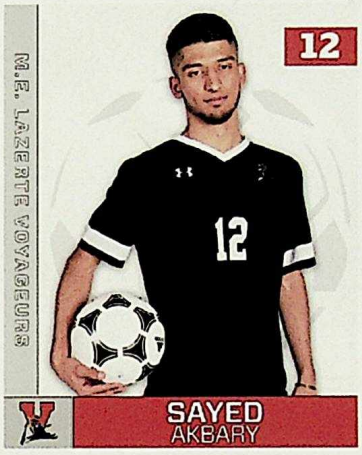

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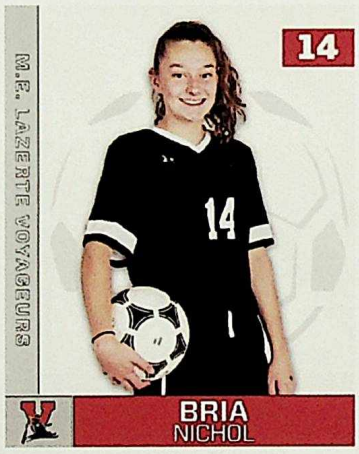

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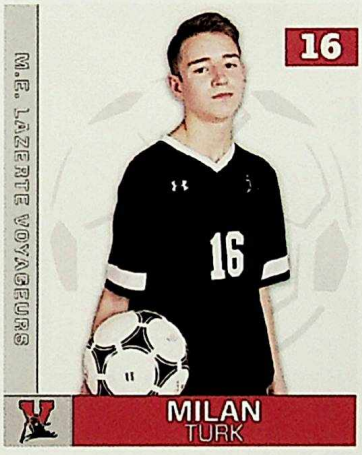

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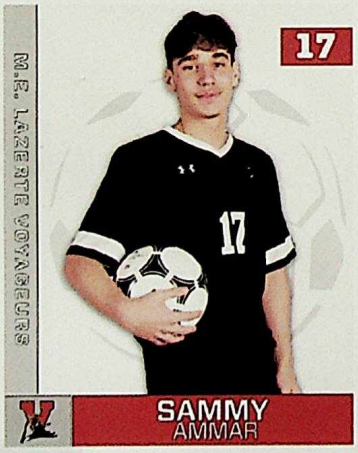

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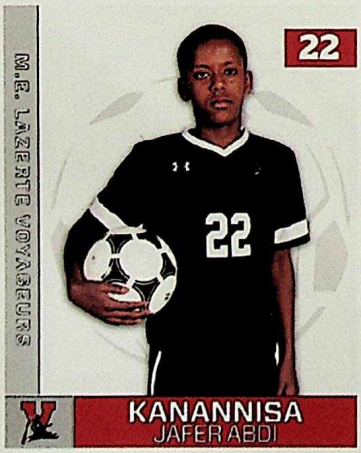

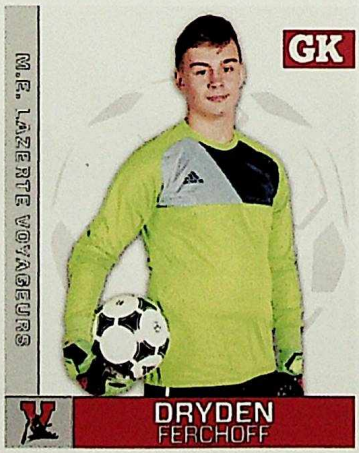

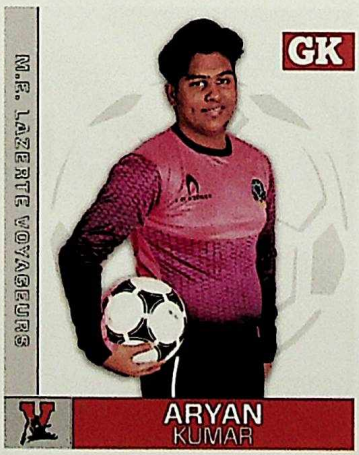

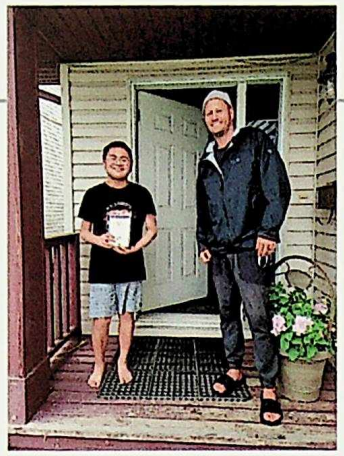
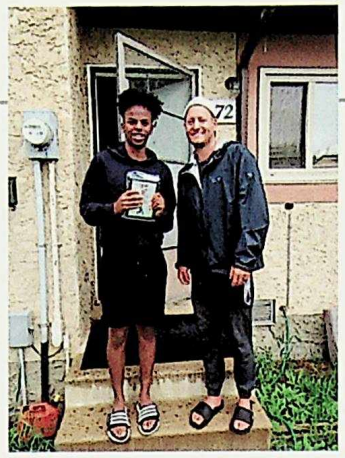

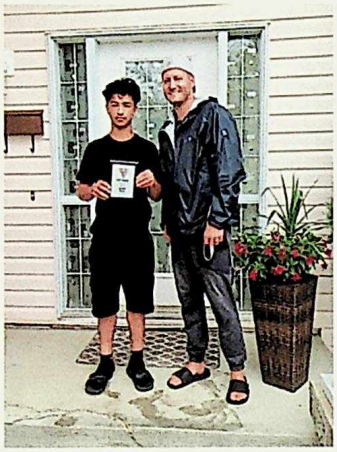

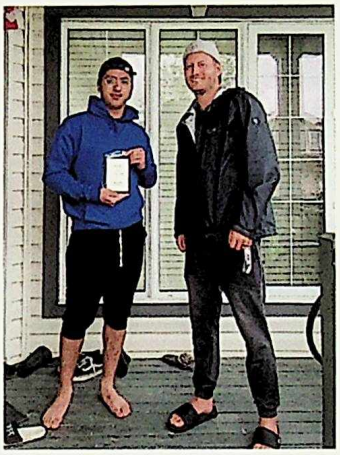

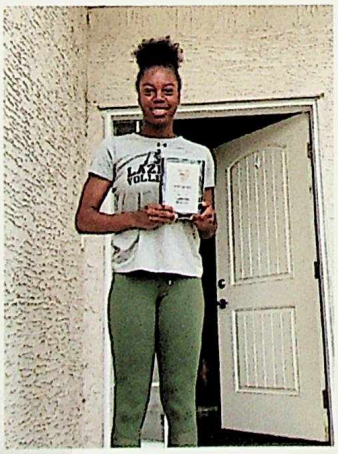
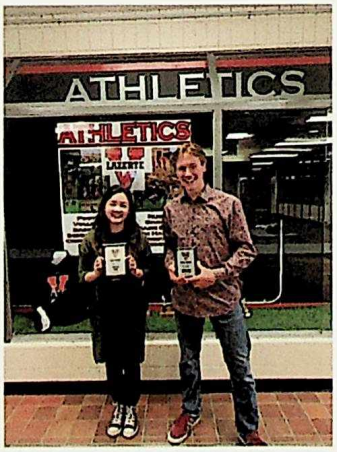
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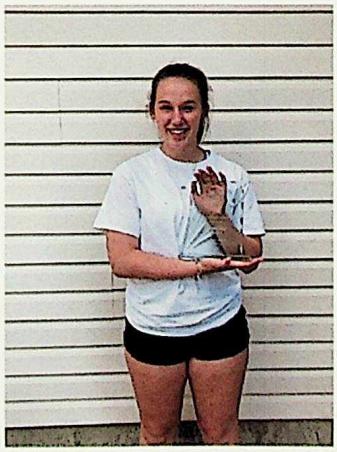
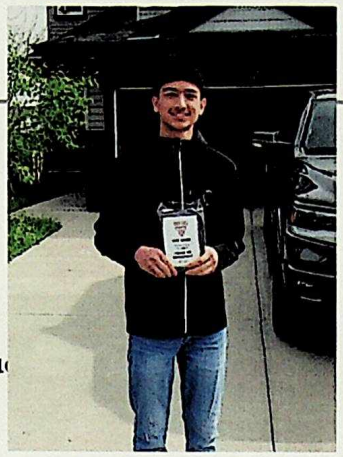


SKYBOX

Athletic *Awards*

Football

Thom Elniski Rookie of the year	Taylor Stecyk
Lineman of the year	Michael Charchuk-Davis
Off mvp	William Palmer
Def mvp	Jaden St. Marie
Madrusiak Award	Mac Crockett
Jereniuk Mvp	Ahmed (Harvey) Mahamu
Chris Morris	
Academic Excellence Award	Jad Dib



MVP	*Heart*
Cross Country	
Elsami Rosa Molina	Marieyam Khan
Reese Harik	
Indoor Soccer	
Jawad Salla	Dariosh Gulmirza
	Skylar Ferchoff
Volleyball	
Jr Boys Jason Koh	Ashley Guiao
Jr Girls Vivien Cen	Emma Cardinal
Sr Boys Jonathan Su	Mackenzie Buchanan
Sr Girls Nadreika Watson	Ivana Ilic
Swim	
Matt Lietz	Addis Trang
Allison Wan	
Basketball	
Jr Girls Cathy Lam	Abigail Shuman
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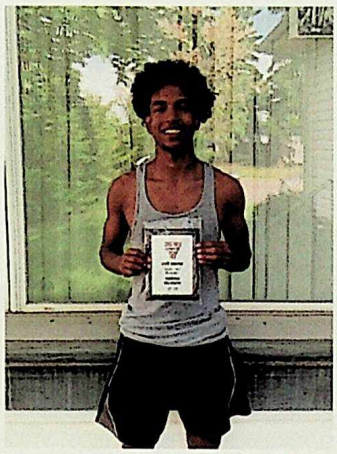
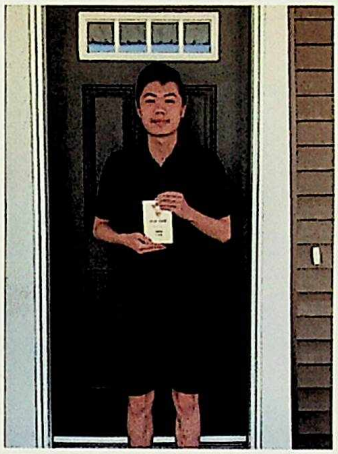
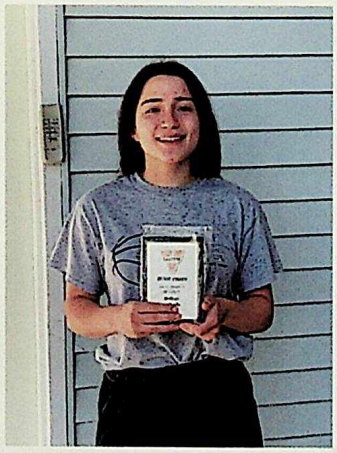
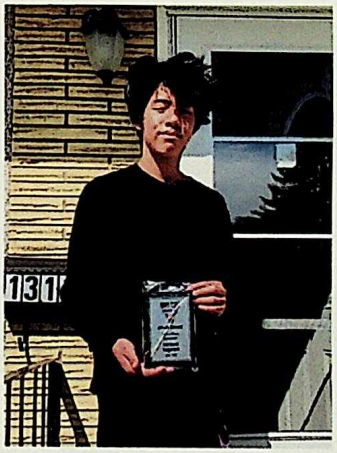
Sr Boys Kuddus Woubete	Mackenzie Buchanan









Top Female Athlete	Grade 10	Cassandra Moffitt
	Grade 11	VivienCen
	Grade 12	Nadreika Watson
Top Male Athlete	Grade 10	Ajak Nguoth
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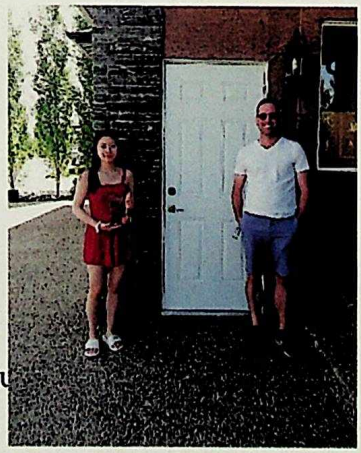
	Grade 12	Ahmed (Harvey) Mahamu



Missing Faces

grade 10

Elias Aguilar
Noor Ahmad-Assad
Alexander Apellado
Kesha Austin
Sabrin Aweye
Jaden Baylon-Dela Cruz
Rowan Buksh
Nicolle Carvajal
Youssef Chanaa
Tanya Chandra
Angel De Jesus
Fadumo Farah Adawe
Mohamad Fawaz
Easton Friend
Tesfa Gelagay
Alicia Godsell
Zemzem Hassan Aboker
Lyndon Hawley
Rudy Jamal
Tracy Jian
Temesgen Kahsay
Lukas Krys
Hendderin Mahmoud
Fatima Mohammed-Mehdi
Keeshan Nicolis
Abdul Osman
Ikraam Osman
Remego Rajab
Isiah Rosette
Daelene Serediak
Emilio Steinhauer
Myles Tanfara
Walker Wells

grade 11

Mustafa Abdul-Raheem
Khalid Ahmed
Harsh Aulakh
Omar Ayari
Lucas Beaudin
Owen Connell
Domenic Correia
Tristan Dove
Jawad El-Dassouki
Buthayna Farhat
Rachel Feng
Lexus Gentes
Alexandria Gore
Riya Grewal
Ridvan Gulluk
Seedik Hassan Aboker
Mohamud Abdi Hassan
Fatima Hernandez
Abdullahi Hirsi
Hodo Ibrahim
Ali Khater
Fong Chun Lai
Huu Toan Le
Hwanmin Lee
Kiel Lindeburg
Jayden Mackenzie
Tucker Magnuson
Michelle Mah
Ahmed Mohamud
Christina Nalewajek
Samir Osman
Mohamad Othman
Mahmoud Rached
Mus'ab Said
Warhil Salih
Ko No Saw
Yasmin Shukri
Aliza Siddiqui
Seth St. Marie
Oden Steinhauer
Braeden Strong
Daniel Syed
Joshua Szabo
Justin Thai
Brandon Tran
Nikki Trinh
Anna Twele
Caleb Whetton

grade 12

Veronica Abarsa
Karim Abdi Mohamed
Cumane Abdi
Kowsar Ahmed
Reda Alamari
Mohamad Awada
Claudia Beaudette
Cameron Beauvais
Alec Broomfield
Kayla Brule
Dakota Bustin
Katana Cardinal
Salmina Cehajic
Eden Chavez-Dias
Mac Crockett
Alisson Cruz
Natalia Demers
Zac Desmarais
Mosses Desta
Hanin Eldarrat
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TRUDEAU'S VERY BAD YEAR

Despite a not-great year for Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, his Liberal party still won re-election in October 2019. But the party's loss of 20 seats in the House of Commons reduced its one-time majority government to a minority. In February 2019, it was reported that Trudeau had pressured then minister of justice Jody Wilson-Raybould to influence a case concerning engineering firm SNC-Lavalin. Then, in June, he angered environmentalists and Indigenous people by approving the extension of the Trans Mountain pipeline from the Alberta oil sands to the B.C. coast. And in September, photos surfaced revealing his youthful love of dressing in blackface. It's no wonder Trudeau returned from his Christmas vacation sporting a beard.

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MEGXIT

On January 8, 2020, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, announced plans to step back from their working roles in Britain's royal family. Initial reports claimed Queen Elizabeth was caught off guard by the announcement—which came in the form of an Instagram post from the couple, not through official royal channels. On January 18, the couple further revealed they had agreed to stop using their royal titles and move—potentially to Canada. Prince Harry has expressed wishes to keep his family out of the spotlight and away from the media circus that claimed the life of his mother, Princess Diana, in 1997.

A CHANGING OF THE GUARD

After 13 years as leader of the Green Party, Elizabeth May resigned her position following the 2019 federal election. May, who turned 65 that year, said she promised her daughter the election would be her last as party leader—though she didn't rule out another run as an MP. May, the first member of the party to win a seat in the House of Commons, said she planned to stay engaged in federal politics, especially in regard to the Green Party's foundational climate issues. Although the party had the best federal showing in its history, winning three seats, it remains far from the 12 seats required for official party status.

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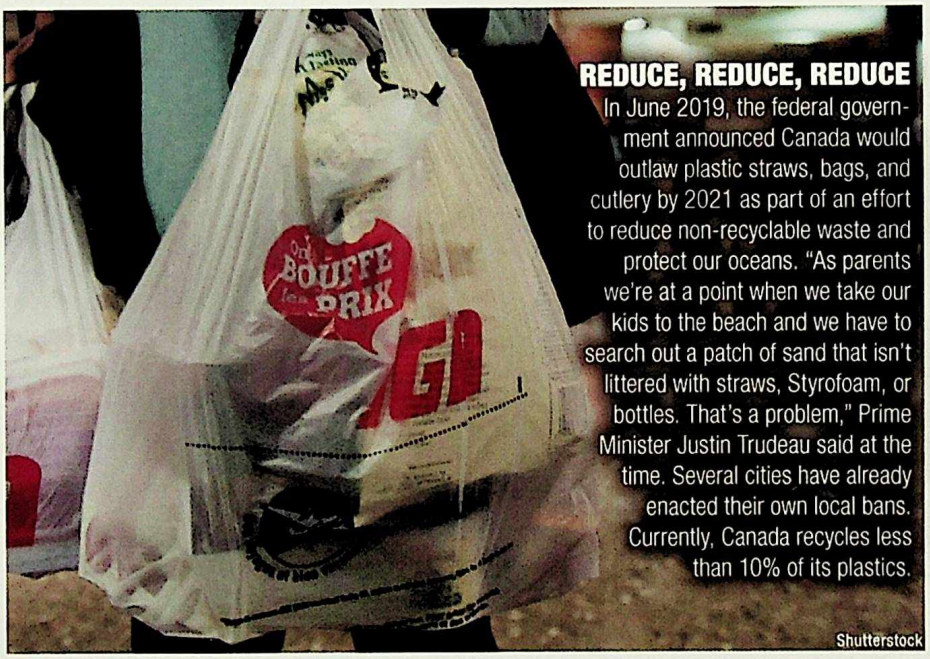

REDUCE, REDUCE, REDUCE

In June 2019, the federal government announced Canada would outlaw plastic straws, bags, and cutlery by 2021 as part of an effort to reduce non-recyclable waste and protect our oceans. "As parents we're at a point when we take our kids to the beach and we have to search out a patch of sand that isn't littered with straws, Styrofoam, or bottles. That's a problem," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said at the time. Several cities have already enacted their own local bans. Currently, Canada recycles less than 10% of its plastics.

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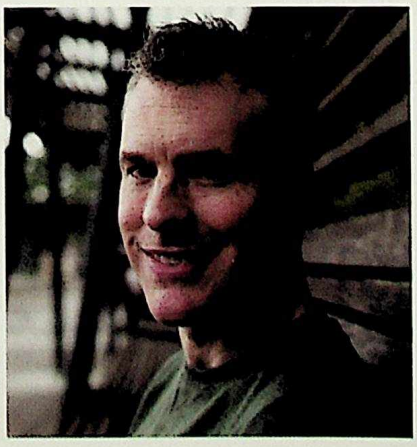
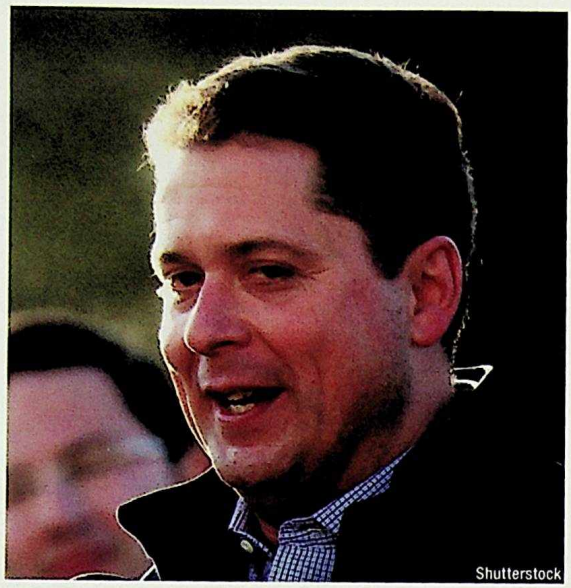
TOO MUCH ADVENTURE

Kristian Baxter, a 44-year-old Nanaimo, B.C., native, was looking to have an adventure when he visited Syria—a country that has been undergoing a civil war for nearly a decade—in November 2018. Baxter initially made contact with his mother back home on a daily basis, but went silent within a week of his arrival. It was soon discovered that he was being detained by local authorities for "violating Syrian laws." (Some accounts suggested he had been arrested for travelling with a metal detector, an item forbidden in the country.) Canadian diplomats worked closely with the Lebanese government to secure Baxter's release, which finally happened in August 2019. THE CANADIAN PRESS/Darryl Dyck





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MONEY TALKS, SCHEER WALKS

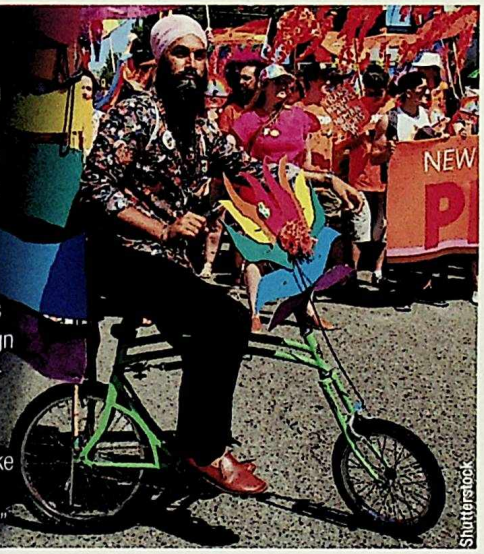
When the Conservatives lost the 2019 federal election to Justin Trudeau's Liberals, party leader Andrew Scheer initially vowed to stay on and fight another day. That changed in December, when it was revealed Scheer had used party money to pay for his children's private school education without the knowledge or approval of the Conservative Fund board. In a public statement announcing his resignation, Scheer made no mention of the financial impropriety, and his office denied a connection between the scandal and his decision to step down.

A NEW NAFTA

On December 10, 2019, after more than a year of wrangling, representatives of the United States, Mexico, and Canada—including Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland—met in Mexico City to sign what was expected to be the final version of CUSMA, the long-sought-after replacement for the North American Free Trade Agreement. Originally signed in 1994, NAFTA removed most of the trade barriers between North America's three countries, allowing for $1.4 billion worth of annual trade. U.S. President Donald Trump threatened to pull out of NAFTA if the deal wasn't revamped to address modern considerations, such as the rise of e-commerce and other digital initiatives. Trump signed the implementation bill in January 2020. AP Photo/Marco Ugarte

THE BEAUTY OF CANADA

NDP leader Jagmeet Singh has seen many firsts. He was the first visible minority to lead a major federal Canadian political party, the first turban-wearing Sikh to sit in the Ontario legislature, and in 2019, he became the first turban-wearing leader of a national party to run in a federal election. Singh retained his seat, but the NDP's overall count dropped to 24 from the 44 won in 2015. Singh faced his share of racist confrontations on the campaign trail, handling each with poise and respect—when a man in Montreal shouted at him to "cut off" his turban in order to "look like a Canadian," Singh responded with a handshake and said, "Oh, I think Canadians look like all sorts of people. That's the beauty of Canada."



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A NEW REASON TO STAY UP LATE

In March 2019, NBC tapped Lilly Singh, the Canadian YouTube sensation, to take over Carson Daly's 1:35 a.m. slot when he stepped down as the host of Last Call after 18 years. Although American late night talk shows traditionally have been dominated by white, middle-aged men, Singh isn't the first woman to steer a late night show—but she is the first open bisexual and the first person of Indian descent to helm such a show on a major U.S. network. NBC let A Little Late with Lilly Singh break with tradition and film an entire season of 96 shows over three months so Singh could continue her other projects. The show debuted on September 16, 2019, to strong reviews and ratings in keeping with Daly's.

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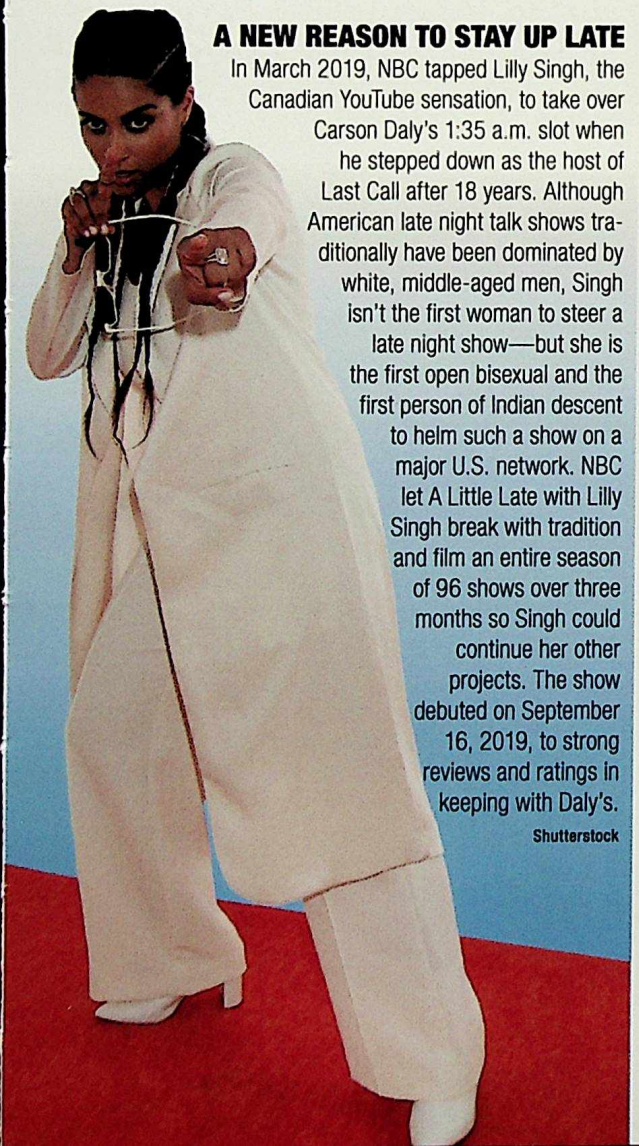

RAISE A CUP

Hockey icon Tim Horton may be the one with his name on the sign, but it was Ron Joyce, who died in January at the age of 88, who turned the coffee and doughnut chain into a beloved national icon. Joyce, who pulled his way out of poverty to become one of the richest men in Canada, invested in the first Tim Hortons shop in 1964, eventually buying it for $10,000. He later became a partner and purchased Horton's stake in the business after his death in 1974. Joyce grew Tim Hortons from a chain of 40 stores to more than 4,000.

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PARIS GRIEVES

On April 15, 2019, smoke was spotted emanating from the roof of Paris's legendary Notre-Dame cathedral. Although fire alarms eventually were triggered, the flames quickly spread across the wooden beams that made up the 859-year-old structure's roof, toppling its spire. (In a sad irony, sprinklers had never been installed in the roof—an attempt to preserve its architecture.) News of the fire spread just as quickly, as religious and non-religious alike mourned the potential loss of a gothic architectural marvel that draws more than 13,000 tourists per day. French President Emmanuel Macron insisted the cathedral would be rebuilt, and a fundraising campaign collected nearly a billion dollars in just two days.

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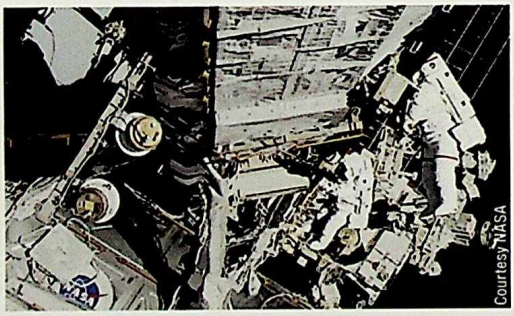
DEAL OR NO DEAL

The U.K. was supposed to leave the European Union behind in 2019, but lawmakers continued to be stymied on how exactly the separation would work. As the original Brexit deadline of March 29, 2019, got closer, it was extended, first to April 12, then to October 31. Then prime minister Theresa May presented three different proposals for leaving the EU to the U.K. House of Commons, each of them failing. May announced her resignation on May 24, paving the way for former journalist and two-term mayor of London Boris Johnson, a longtime Brexit supporter, to become prime minister. After much wrangling, Johnson finally announced Britain would leave the EU in early 2020, with a one-year transition period to work out the final details, such as avoiding a potentially dangerous hard border in Ireland. The official separation occurred on January 31.



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THE HIGHEST GLASS CEILING

On October 18, 2019, NASA astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir took part in the first all-woman space walk, replacing a piece of hardware on the International Space Station's solar arrays. Fifteen women have participated in 42 space walks since 1984, but no walk has consisted exclusively of women. Koch made history again two months later when she broke the record for the longest single space flight by a U.S. woman—289 days, which she eventually extended to 328—and Koch and Meir later took part in both the second and third all-female space walks. The first all-woman space walk was originally scheduled for March, but was cancelled due to a lack of medium-sized space suits.

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PRIVATE CITIZEN ARCHIE

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, welcomed their first baby, Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor, on May 6, 2019. Several countries marked the occasion—both the London Eye and Niagara Falls were lit up in celebration of the latest addition to the House of Windsor. Baby Archie holds dual U.S.–British citizenship, thanks to Markle's American origins, though he will not receive a royal title, in keeping with the Duke and Duchess's wishes that he be raised as a private citizen.

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"HOW DARE YOU"

Greta Thunberg, the Swedish teenage activist, continued speaking truth to power in 2019, warning about the dangers of climate change and expressing anger over the environmental problems her generation will inherit. She addressed the U.K. Parliament on April 23, 2019, and travelled to New York City by boat in September to protest at the United Nations and address the General Assembly, which she condemned for not taking enough action to combat climate change, stating, "How dare you." Along the way she seemed to relish being mocked by U.S. President Donald Trump. At the end of the year she appeared on the cover of Time magazine as its Person of the Year, and in January she was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

THE WRATH OF HURRICANE DORIAN

The worst natural disaster in Bahamas history began as a tropical wave in the Atlantic Ocean on August 24, 2019. Transforming into a storm over the Lesser Antilles and becoming a full-blown hurricane four days later, Hurricane Dorian was the most intense tropical cyclone ever to strike the country. Dorian quickly intensified, peaking with one-minute sustained winds of 185 miles per hour by September 1. Although it began to lose steam in the days that followed, Dorian still did considerable damage to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland on September 8, before finally dissipating near Greenland two days later. Dorian's heavy rain and winds destroyed thousands of homes and killed at least 73 people, with hundreds more reported missing by year's end. The cost of the damage was estimated at more than $3 billion.

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FUGITIVE NO MORE

Wikileaks co-founder Julian Assange was arrested by London police on April 11, 2019, after the city's Ecuadorian embassy, where he had been living for seven years, withdrew its asylum protection. Assange originally faced sex offence allegations in Sweden, an investigation the country has since dropped. However, he is still wanted in the U.S., where he faces 18 charges related to hacking U.S. government computers. As of January 2020, he was awaiting a hearing to decide whether he would be extradited to the U.S. to face trial.

A WORLDWIDE CRISIS

In November, a collaborative study written by dozens of scientists declared the world was facing a major climate emergency. The study, which was endorsed by 11,000 scientists from 153 countries, warned that a "climate crisis has arrived and is accelerating faster than most scientists expected. It is more severe than anticipated, threatening natural ecosystems and the fate of humanity." The authors encouraged immediate action, including ending the reliance on fossil fuels, ceasing the clearcutting of forests, and reducing meat consumption. The study was published on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the first world climate conference, held in Geneva in 1979.

◂ A CHANGING KINGDOM

Saudi Prince Mohammed bin Salman continued his reforms of the kingdom's oppressive guardianship system in 2019, extending a number of new rights to the country's women. Saudi women can now obtain a passport and travel without the permission of a male relative; request government documents and register births, marriages, and divorces; attend sporting events; and receive equal treatment in the workplace. The prince's vision for reform includes diversification of the country's economy and looser social restrictions.

HOW A BILL DOESN'T BECOME LAW

Protests erupted in Hong Kong following the proposal of a bill that could have seen criminal fugitives extradited to areas where the country had no extradition treaties, including mainland China. Citizens worried the bill would put residents and visitors a step too close to falling under China's jurisdiction, undermining Hong Kong's autonomy and the civil liberties of its people. A protest of the bill's second reading on June 12, 2019, resulted in police shooting tear gas and rubber bullets. The bill was eventually withdrawn, but the Central People's Government called the protests surrounding the extradition bill the "worst crisis in Hong Kong" since it was returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

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THE NEW QUEEN OF POP

Taylor Swift has broken many records in her music career. This year, she took down one of the giants, beating Michael Jackson's record for most American Music Awards. Swift took home six trophies on November 24, 2019—including prizes for favourite pop/rock album and artist of the year—bringing her career total to 29, five more than Jackson amassed before his death in 2009. Swift was also named the AMAs artist of the decade, an honor Jackson won in 2000.

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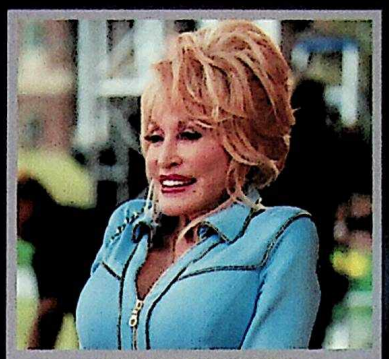

DOLLY PARTON: RENAISSANCE WOMAN

Dolly Parton has always been an enigma: a feminist icon who doesn't like to call herself a feminist. In any case, it seems to be working. Parton had something of a renaissance in 2019: she inspired both a podcast (Dolly Parton's America) and a Netflix series (Dolly Parton's Heartstrings) and appeared as the featured vocalist on an EDM song by Swedish group Galantis. On top of that, she's got nearly five million Twitter followers who tune in for her self-aware "Jolene" memes.

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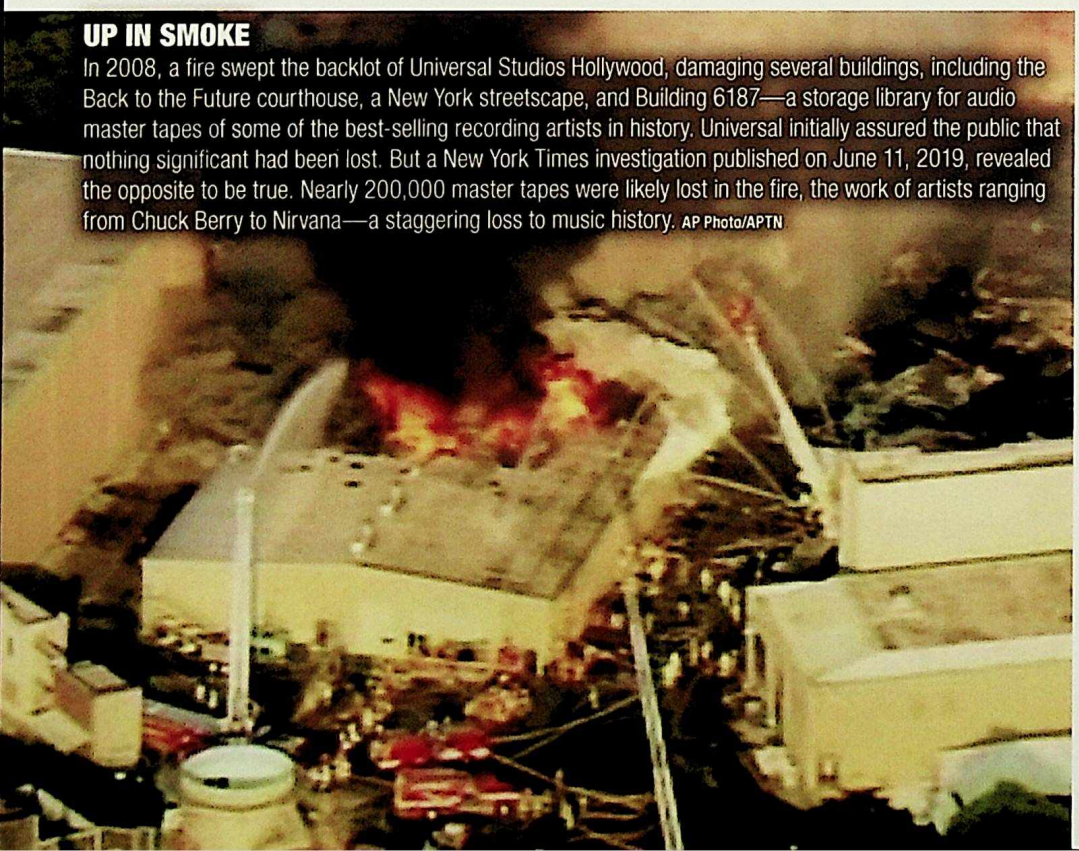
LIZZO TAKES THE WORLD BY STORM

Lizzo came along exactly when the world needed some unbridled joy and positivity. Cuz I Love You, the 31-year-old singer's major-label debut album, released in April 2019, gave listeners a reason to get up and dance, with its funky mix of soul and hip hop and a little classical flute thrown in for good measure. But what really set Lizzo apart was her body-positive attitude and strong feminist message. In December, Time magazine named her its entertainer of the year.

Myung J. Chun/Los Angeles Times/TNS

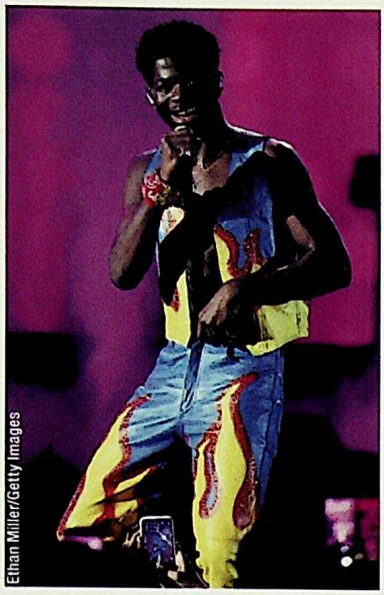
WHEN WE WIN ALL THE GRAMMYS

Billie Eilish dominated the Grammys on January 26, 2020, taking home the ceremony's four top prizes—song of the year, best new artist, record of the year, and album of the year—as well as the award for best pop vocal album. Eilish—whose debut album, When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?, was released in 2019—was only 17 when nominations were announced in November, making her the youngest artist ever simultaneously nominated in all four general categories. The artist's win capped off a big month, which also saw Eilish named Billboard's 2019 woman of the year and announced as the performer of the title track to next James Bond film, No Time to Die.



UP IN SMOKE

In 2008, a fire swept the backlot of Universal Studios Hollywood, damaging several buildings, including the Back to the Future courthouse, a New York streetscape, and Building 6187—a storage library for audio master tapes of some of the best-selling recording artists in history. Universal initially assured the public that nothing significant had been lost. But a New York Times investigation published on June 11, 2019, revealed the opposite to be true. Nearly 200,000 master tapes were likely lost in the fire, the work of artists ranging from Chuck Berry to Nirvana—a staggering loss to music history. AP Photo/APTN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A LONG AND WINDING ROAD

Lil Nas X's masterful and unique combination of musical styles earned him a hit with "Old Town Road," a song that belongs squarely in the recently created genre of country rap. The song gained popularity following its original release in December 2018, thanks in part to its video on TikTok. "Old Town Road" was making its way up Billboard's country chart when it was disqualified for not meeting the definition of country music. But that didn't stop a remix recorded with country star Billy Ray Cyrus from reaching the No. 1 spot on Billboard's flagship Hot 100 chart on April 13, 2019—where it stayed for a record-breaking 19 weeks.

BEST GIFT EVER

Most of the popular Christmas songs we hear each year have been standard favorites for decades, and breaking into that club isn't easy. One song that succeeded is Mariah Carey's "All I Want For Christmas," originally released in 1994. The song has not only received annual play ever since, but each year it manages to inch its way a little further up the charts. In 2018, it reached a high of No. 3 on Billboard's Hot 100. This year, in celebration of its 25th anniversary, fans gave Carey a Christmas gift by pushing it to No. 1—the first holiday song to top the chart since "The Chipmunk Song" in 1958.

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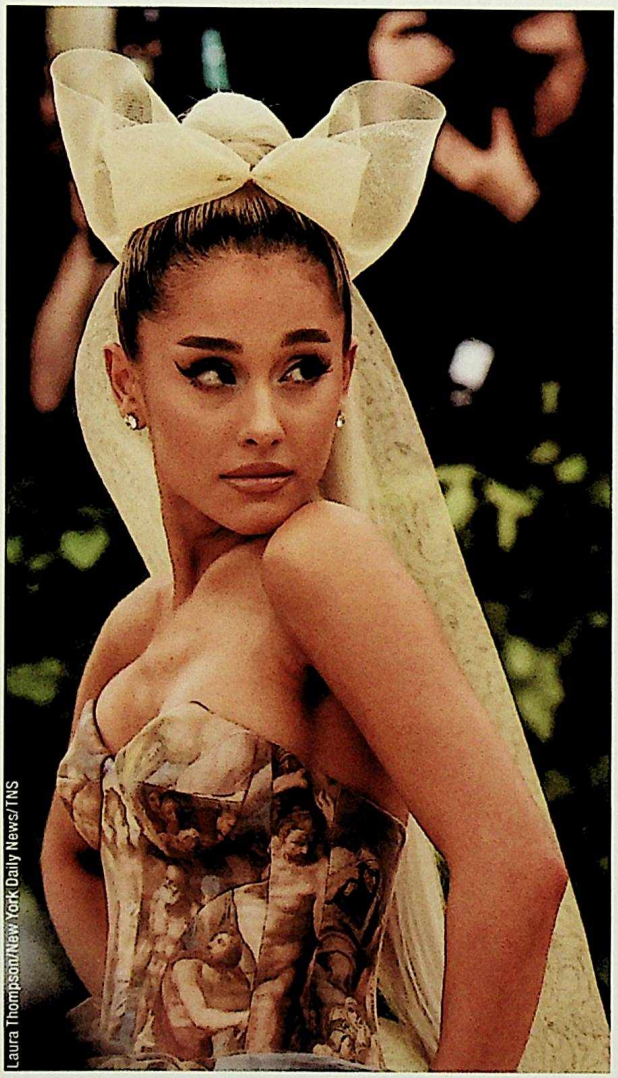
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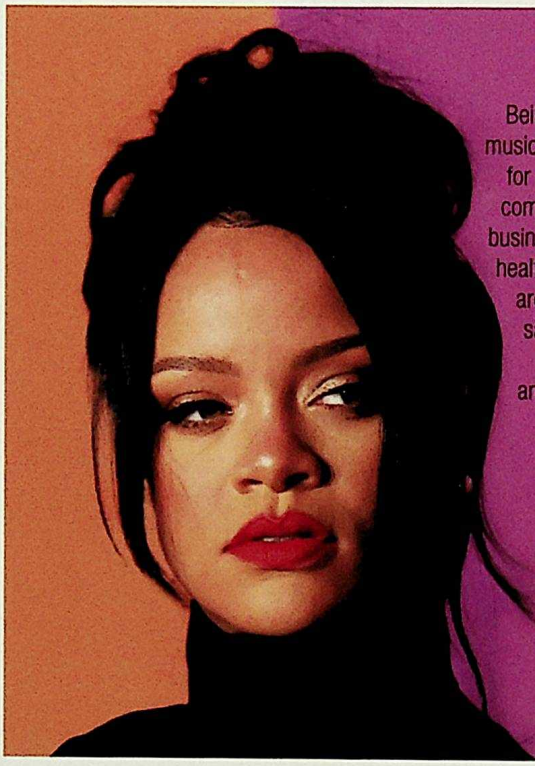
ARIANA GRANDE TOPS THE BEATLES

The Beatles proved their staying power in 2019—a 50th anniversary reissue of 1969's Abbey Road became a top-selling album in several countries. But elsewhere on the charts, Ariana Grande was catching up to them. On February 19, 2019, she became the first artist to simultaneously hold the top three spots on Billboard's Hot 100 songs chart since the Fab Four pulled off the same feat in 1964. All 12 of the songs from Grande's album Thank U, Next charted on Billboard, with only one failing to make the Top 40. This allowed Grande to break another record: most simultaneous Top 40 Billboard Hot 100 hits by a female artist.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SHE WORKS HARD FOR THE MONEY

Being one of the world's best-selling musical artists has never been enough for Rihanna. She also runs a fashion company, a cosmetics line, a lingerie business, and a foundation supporting health and education in impoverished areas. The Grammy-winning singer says money isn't her driving force, but that hasn't stopped her from amassing more of it than any other female artist. In June, Forbes magazine named Rihanna the world's richest female musician, estimating her fortune at $600 million. Madonna was listed as second-richest, at $570 million, followed by Celine Dion ($450 million), and Beyoncé and Barbra Streisand (tied at $400 million each).

BILLBOARD TOP 10

1. Taylor Swift - Lover
2. Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper - A Star Is Born soundtrack
3. Billie Eilish - When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?
4. Queen - Bohemian Rhapsody soundtrack
5. Jonas Brothers - Happiness Begins
6. BTS - Map of the Soul: Persona
7. The Greatest Showman soundtrack
8. Lauren Daigle - Look Up Child
9. Michael Buble - Love
10. Mumford and Sons - Delta

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WORD OF THE YEAR

"They" is one of the most basic words in English, officially used as a third-person plural pronoun. In December 2019, Merriam-Webster named "they" its word of the year, recognizing it for all the extra hours it's spent filling in as a singular gender-neutral pronoun. That secondary use has taken on more meaning in recent years, as the word has been embraced by the non-binary community to refer to those who identify as neither male nor female—a third usage Webster's has now added to its online dictionary. According to Merriam-Webster, searches for "they" increased 313% in 2019 over the previous year.

OK BOOMER

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THE MEME OF A NEW GENERATION

Millennials scored a point in the generation war when it found the perfect meme to mock and dismiss its elders. "OK Boomer"originally was coined in 2009, but the phrase gained popularity in early 2019 when it was used in a popular TikTok video showing an older man criticizing millennials for holding on to their youthful utopian ideas. Some called the phrase ageist, but its popularity continued, spawning countless parodies and thinkpieces. Like all anti-establishment sentiments, it wasn't long before OK Boomer was co-opted for financial gain: an art student made more than $25,000 selling a hoodie featuring the phrase, and several companies, including Fox Media, have attempted to trademark it.

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◀ HOW DO YOU SPELL "WINNERS"?

In 94 years, the famous Scripps National Spelling Bee has never ended in more than a two-way tie. That changed on May 30, 2019, when eight contestants out-spelled the dictionary. Organizers failed to stump the young players, who ranged in age from 12 to 14, despite throwing words at them for the better part of a day. Shortly after midnight, the historic eight-way tie was called. Each contestant received the full $50,000 prize.

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RE-BAN

Alex Jones, the far-right conspiracy theorist and founder of fake news website Infowars, was banned from nearly every social media platform in 2018, but his Facebook ban proved to be short-lived, as the platform continues to figure out whether or not it should police lies and hate speech. On May 2, 2019, Jones was banned from Facebook for a second time, along with several other controversial figures, including Louis Farrakhan and Milo Yiannopoulos. Jones quickly created a new account, which was also removed. Among his outlandish theories, Jones has accused Hillary Clinton of being a demon (literally) and claimed the Sandy Hook school shooting was a hoax.

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THE KONMARI PARADOX

Marie Kondo's profile was raised significantly in 2019, thanks to her hit Netflix series, Tidying Up with Marie Kondo. The 34-year-old Japanese organizing consultant convinced millions of viewers to follow her KonMari method, which involves picking up every item in their home and asking themselves if it "sparks joy." Some of Kondo's suggestions, such as keeping no more than 30 books, sparked more backlash than joy—as did the irony of the November launch of her online store offering exactly the type of knick-knacks she promotes getting rid of.

IT IS WHAT IT IS

Fast food chain Popeyes launched its first chicken sandwich in August, prompting a Twitter feud with Chick-fil-A over which restaurant's sandwich was better. Popeyes encouraged followers to try its sandwich for themselves, unexpectedly resulting in hours-long lines and, unfortunately in some cases, rioting. Popeyes ran out of its chicken sandwiches—a product two years in the making—in less than a month. The product returned permanently in the fall, its Twitter feud won.

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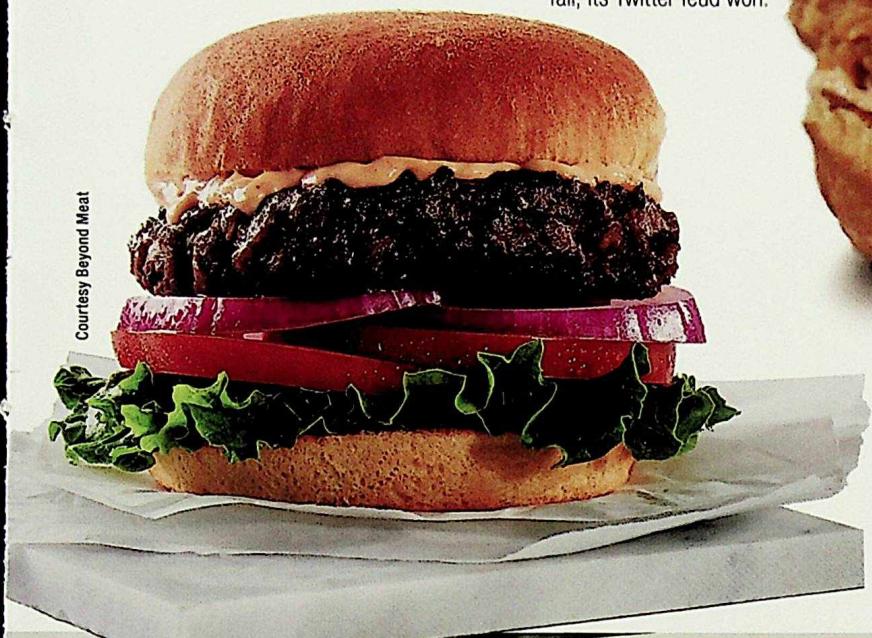

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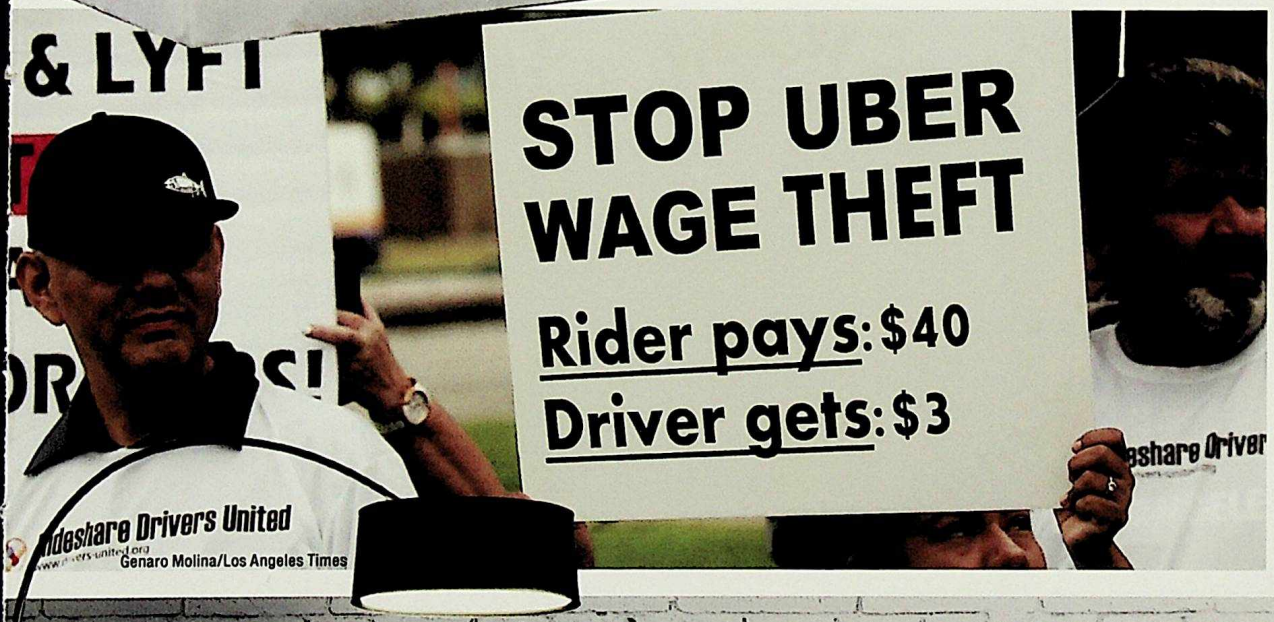
A TASTE OF SUCCESS

Beyond Meat, the U.S.-based producer of plant-based meat substitutes—most famously the Beyond Meat burger—went public on May 2, 2019. By July, the company's value had skyrocketed from an initial $3.8 billion to $11.7 billion. Over the course of the year, the company expanded its offerings and launched new partnerships with a number of meat-centric restaurant chains, including Dunkin', KFC, and McDonald's.



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UBER, LYFT, AND WEWORK STUMBLE

Ride-share services Uber and Lyft and workspace real estate company WeWork all planned highly anticipated initial public offerings in 2019. But instead of earning their investors high returns, all three ended up as poster children for the dangers of overvaluing hot tech startups. Within months of their IPOs, Uber and Lyft were trading for less than half of their initial market caps, while WeWork ended up scrapping its IPO entirely.

Google's Most Searched 2019 (U.S.)

1. Disney Plus
2. Cameron Boyce
3. Nipsey Hussle
4. Hurricane Dorian
5. Antonio Brown
6. Luke Perry
7. Avengers: Endgame
8. Game of Thrones
9. iPhone 11
10. Jussie Smollett

(Source: Google Trends)

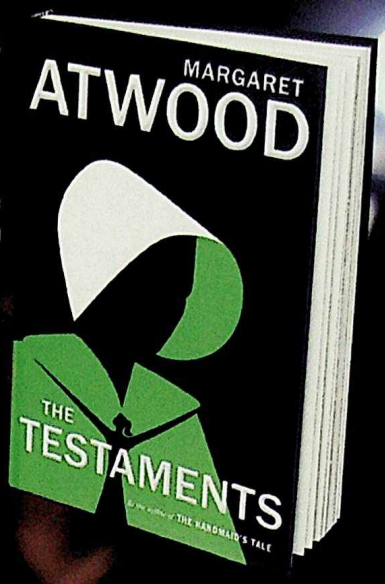
MOST DOWNLOADED APPS (IOS & ANDROID)

1 WHATSAPP MESSENGER	2 TIKTOK	3 MESSENGER	4 FACEBOOK	5 INSTAGRAM
6 LIKEE	7 SHAREIT	8 YOUTUBE	9 SNAPCHAT	10 NETFLIX

THE CANADIAN PRESS/Chris Young

A TALE OF HOPE

The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood's 1985 dystopian novel about a patriarchal society, underwent a resurgence in 2017 when Hulu released a TV adaptation (now entering its fourth season), starring Elisabeth Moss and produced by Atwood herself. The book became a touchpoint for women in the Me Too era, with protestors frequently donning handmaids' cloaks and bonnets. In September 2019, Atwood released a sequel, The Testaments. The book, with an initial print run of 500,000, was critically well-received and won the Man Booker Prize. Rather than revisit the nightmare scenario of her original story, Atwood opted to make her new book a tale of hope for the defeat of misogyny.



CELEBRITY PASSINGS

Toni Morrison, who died in 2019 at the age of 88, became one of the greatest chroniclers of Black life in America through books such as Beloved and Song of Solomon, and was an inspiration to both readers and writers. Other entertainment figures who died this year included fashion icon Gloria Vanderbilt, character actor Rip Torn (The Larry Sanders Show), Broadway star Carol Channing (Hello, Dolly!), social media celebrity Grumpy Cat, and—briefly—Planter's mascot Mr. Peanut.

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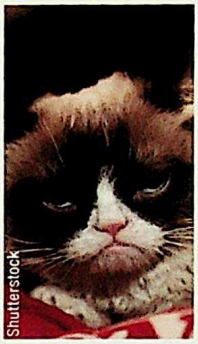
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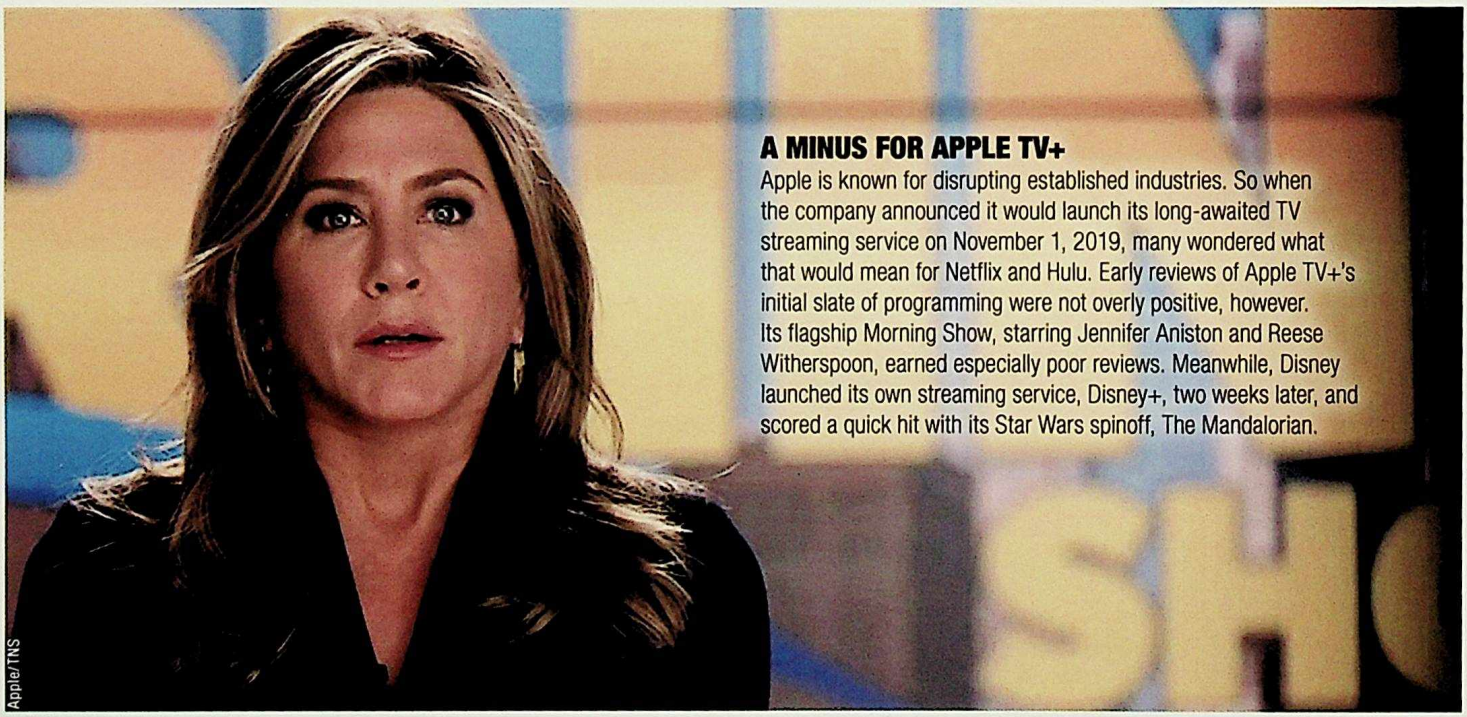
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A MINUS FOR APPLE TV+

Apple is known for disrupting established industries. So when the company announced it would launch its long-awaited TV streaming service on November 1, 2019, many wondered what that would mean for Netflix and Hulu. Early reviews of Apple TV+'s initial slate of programming were not overly positive, however. Its flagship Morning Show, starring Jennifer Aniston and Reese Witherspoon, earned especially poor reviews. Meanwhile, Disney launched its own streaming service, Disney+, two weeks later, and scored a quick hit with its Star Wars spinoff, The Mandalorian.

Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times

PHOEBE WALLER-BRIDGE'S BIG YEAR

Phoebe Waller-Bridge was already a highly praised writer and actress going into 2019, thanks to the first season of her critically acclaimed Amazon Prime show, Fleabag, and the stage show on which it was based. Her star rose even higher this year: Critics loved Fleabag's second season, which debuted in April 2019 and won six Emmys and a Golden Globe; Waller-Bridge took her original Fleabag show back to the stage over the summer, receiving more positive reviews; HBO greenlit a new show she co-created; and she was tapped to co-write the screenplay of the 25th James Bond movie, No Time to Die.

SUNNY DAYS

When Joan Ganz Cooney conceived of Sesame Street—which celebrated 50 years on television in 2019—the idea of an educational show for preschoolers based on academic research was groundbreaking. Today, it's hard to imagine a time when Big Bird, Oscar, and Cookie Monster weren't a part of growing up. Some early critics felt the show's fast pace and short segments would harm children's attention spans, but initial mixed reviews quickly faded, and there are now more than 150 versions of Sesame Street shown around the world, in 70 languages.

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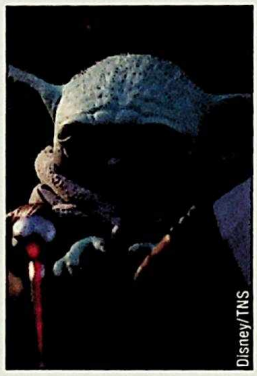
GAME OVER

Game of Thrones, the HBO series based (at least initially) on A Song of Ice and Fire, a series of fantasy novels by George R.R. Martin, became a ratings juggernaut over the course of its eight-season run. Fans disappointed by the show's final episode, which aired on May 19, 2019, might eventually get a do-over. Game of Thrones surpassed the source material of Martin's still unfinished book series after Season 5. Martin has said the books will have a slightly different ending—though when they will be released has been anyone's guess for years. Martin's last book in the series was published nearly a decade ago, with two books still in progress.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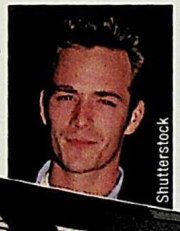
STRONG ON THE HEARTSTRINGS THIS ONE PULLS

With Star Wars fans divided on the franchise's new direction under Disney, a hero was needed to bring balance to the toxicity overtaking social media. Enter "Baby Yoda," a character everyone seems to agree is the best thing to happen to the galaxy far, far away since, well, adult Yoda. Baby Yoda—who, spoiler, is not actually Yoda as a baby—was introduced in the first episode of The Mandalorian, a Star Wars spinoff that debuted November 12, 2019, on Disney+. The character quickly became the one thing fans didn't realize they had been missing in their lives.

CELEBRITY PASSINGS

Beloved '90s teen heartthrob Luke Perry was having a comeback when he died of a stroke on March 4, 2019, at the age of 52. The cast of Riverdale, the CW show in which Perry played Fred Andrews, father of Archie, devoted a special episode to Perry on October 9, featuring a guest appearance by his former Beverly Hills, 90210 co-star Shannen Doherty. Other celebrities who left us last year included Caroll Spinney (Sesame Street's Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch), Valerie Harper (The Mary Tyler Moore Show), Peggy Lipton (The Mod Squad, Twin Peaks), singer and actress Diahann Carroll, Tim Conway (The Carol Burnett Show), and Katherine Helmond (Soap, Who's the Boss?).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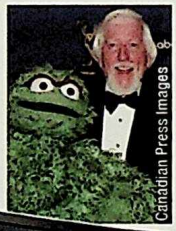
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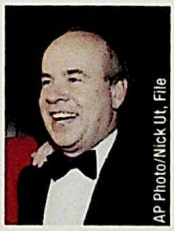
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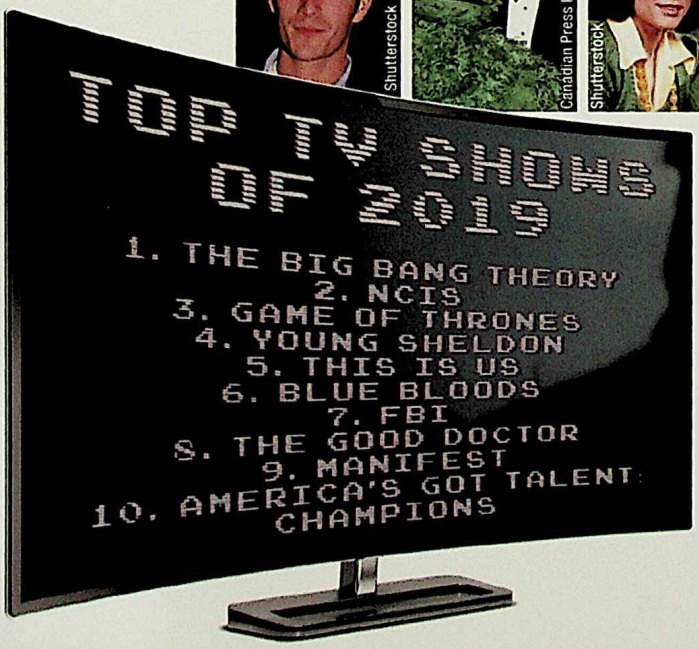

TOP TRENDING YOUTUBE VIDS OF 2019

1. "No More Lies" - James Charles
2. "Gordon Ramsay Savagely Critiques Spicy Wings | Hot Ones" - First We Feast
3. "Investigating Conspiracies with Shane Dawson" - Shane Dawson
4. "I Bought Everything In A Store—Challenge" - MrBeast
5. "We Believe: The Best Men Can Be" - Gillette

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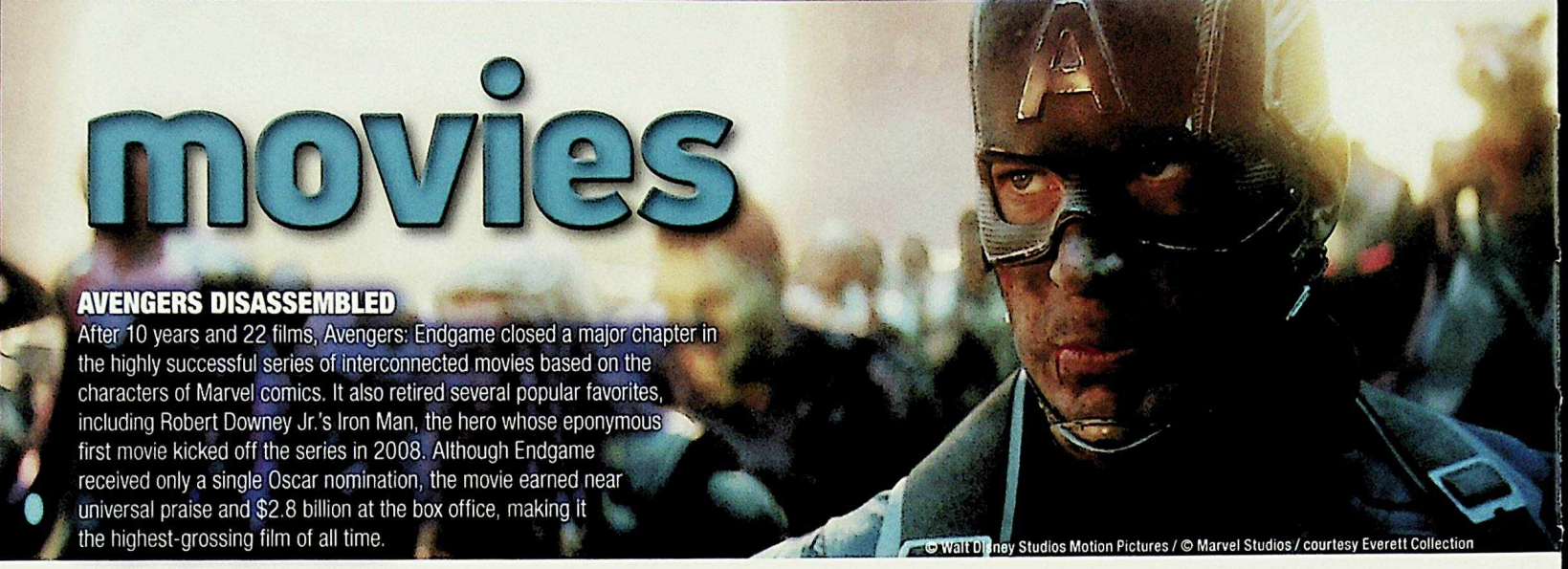

AVENGERS DISASSEMBLED

After 10 years and 22 films, Avengers: Endgame closed a major chapter in the highly successful series of interconnected movies based on the characters of Marvel comics. It also retired several popular favorites, including Robert Downey Jr.'s Iron Man, the hero whose eponymous first movie kicked off the series in 2008. Although Endgame received only a single Oscar nomination, the movie earned near universal praise and $2.8 billion at the box office, making it the highest-grossing film of all time.

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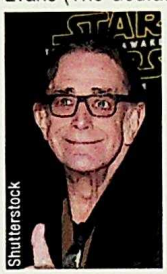
WAIT'LL THEY GET A LOAD OF HIM

Can you have a Joker movie without Batman? Should you? That was just one of the questions surrounding the release of Joker, an origin story of the caped crusader's longtime nemesis, played by Joaquin Phoenix. Joker's new take on the character was decidedly different than Heath Ledger's famous turn in 2008's The Dark Knight, and led many critics to call the film an incel training manual. Joker still went on to become the highest-grossing R-rated movie in history and was nominated for 11 Oscars.

LEGENDS WHO LEFT US

Although Peter Mayhew, who died on April 30, 2019 at the age of 74, relinquished the role of Chewbacca in the Star Wars films after 2015's The Force Awakens, fans will always consider him the one true Wookiee. Other Hollywood stars who died last year included the multitalented Doris Day (The Man Who Knew Too Much, The Pajama Game), producer Robert Evans (The Godfather, Chinatown), and actor Peter Fonda (Easy Rider).



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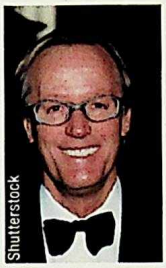

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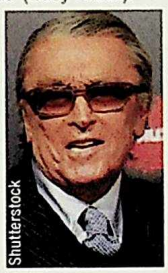

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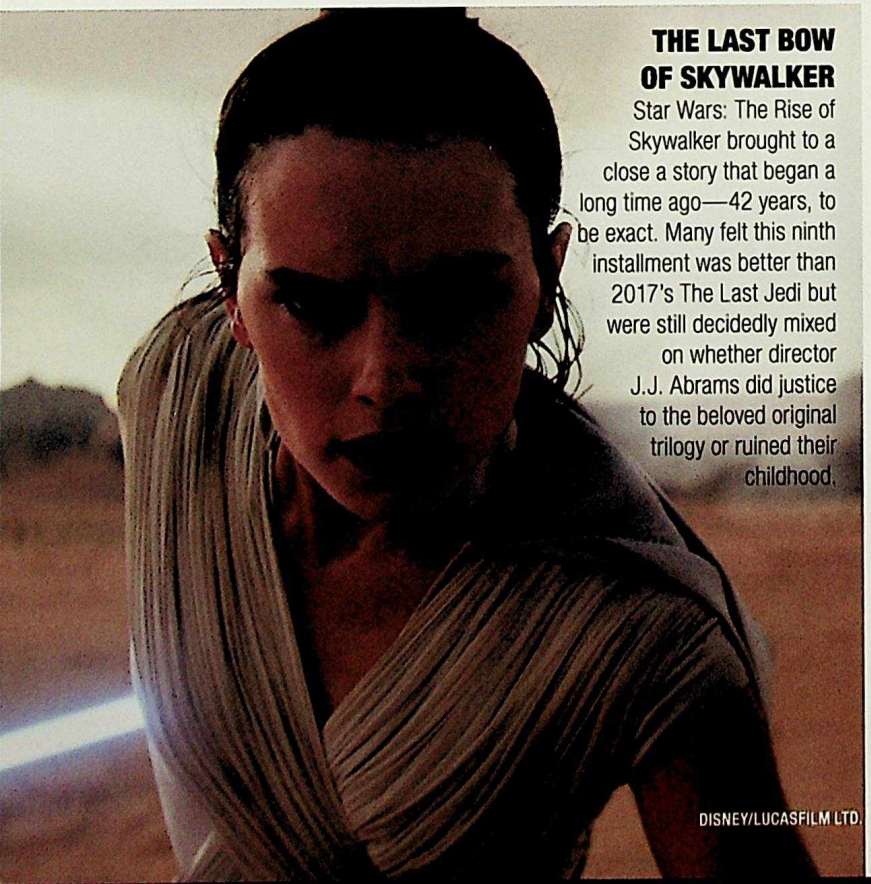

THE LAST BOW OF SKYWALKER

Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker brought to a close a story that began a long time ago—42 years, to be exact. Many felt this ninth installment was better than 2017's The Last Jedi but were still decidedly mixed on whether director J.J. Abrams did justice to the beloved original trilogy or ruined their childhood.

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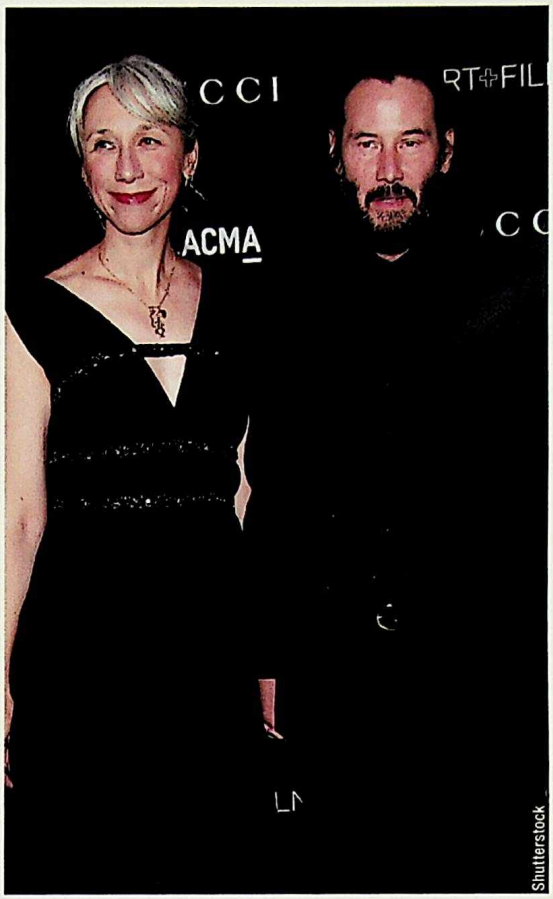
2019 OSCAR Winners

Best Picture: *Parasite*
Best Director: Bong Joon Ho *(Parasite)*
Best Actor: Joaquin Phoenix *(Joker)*
Best Actress: Renée Zellweger *(Judy)*
Best Supporting Actor: Brad Pitt *(Once upon a Time...in Hollywood)*
Best Supporting Actress: Laura Dern *(Marriage Story)*

Disney/Marvel/IMDb/TNS

A HERO WITH THE POWER TO DESTROY ALL COMPETITION

Captain Marvel is the most powerful hero among the Marvel Comics characters. But saving the universe was nothing compared to convincing Hollywood that a female superhero could carry a major motion picture. Captain Marvel, starring Brie Larson in the title role, earned more than $1 billion—the first female superhero movie to do so—making it Marvel's seventh biggest film. Captain Marvel was the first of Marvel's now 22 films to feature a female lead, but Larson has already suited up to make a sequel, and the female-led Black Widow, starring Scarlett Johansson, is due this year.



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MOST EXCELLENT

Fans of Keanu Reeves have reported enough genuine, respectful interactions with the public over the years that the actor has been dubbed the Internet's boyfriend. Despite the thought of losing him, fans still swooned at the news in November 2019 that Reeves, 55, was dating artist and longtime friend Alexandra Grant, 46—the first relationship he'd made public in more than a decade and one, in keeping with his respectful nature, deemed "age appropriate."

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SCORSESE BREAKS NEW GROUND

With The Irishman, legendary director Martin Scorsese went back to his roots, crafting a real American crime drama with many of the genre's best actors, including Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, and Joe Pesci. But the movie is more than a throwback. The Irishman employed cutting edge CGI to de-age several of its actors, and was available on Netflix on November 27, 2019, only three weeks after a limited theatrical run. Netflix, which rarely releases viewership figures, said in December the film had been viewed by 26 million accounts, making it the platform's fifth most popular release ever.

2019 TOP GROSSING MOVIES (USD, WORLDWIDE)

1. Avengers: Endgame ($2.8 billion)
2. The Lion King ($1.7 billion)
3. Frozen II ($1.4 billion)
4. Spider-Man: Far From Home ($1.1 billion)
5. Captain Marvel ($1.1 billion)
6. Toy Story 4 ($1.1 billion)
7. Joker ($1.1 billion)
8. Aladdin ($1.1 billion)
9. Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker ($1 billion)
10. Fast and Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw ($758 million)

Tribune/Universal Pictures

A CAT VIDEO NO ONE WANTS TO WATCH

Audiences were seriously creeped out by the sight of Judi Dench, Jennifer Hudson, and Taylor Swift sporting CGI-generated cat ears and fur when Universal Pictures released the first trailer for a big-screen adaptation of Cats, one of the highest-grossing stage musicals of all time. Reaction was so negative that the studio went back and tweaked the effects before the film's release on December 20, 2019. But it wasn't enough: critics were less than generous and audiences stayed away in droves, leading to a $100 million loss that some dubbed the biggest Hollywood disaster of the decade.

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THEY ARE THE CHAMPIONS

The U.S. women's soccer team entered the 2019 World Cup with three previous championships and a defiant attitude. While many criticized the way players celebrated every goal on the field as arrogant, the team earned its celebratory ways, outscoring its opponents in the tournament 26–3. Team co-captain Megan Rapinoe won both the Golden Boot, as the Cup's top scorer, and the Golden Ball, for being its overall best player. She was also the tournament's most polarizing figure. The openly gay midfielder refused to sing or place her hand on her heart during the U.S. national anthem as a protest against racial injustice and oppression.

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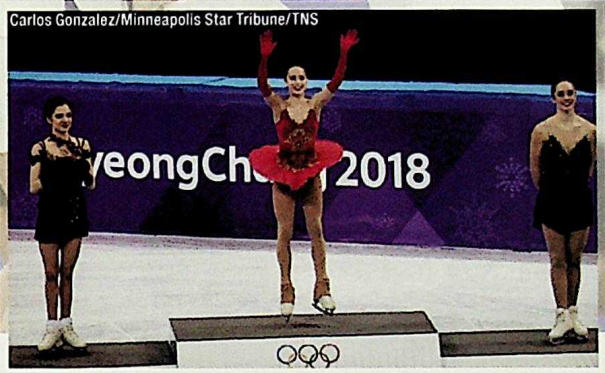

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RUSSIA BANNED FROM OLYMPICS

Russia's collection of Olympic medals is second only to the United States'. There's one area, however, where Russia has the U.S. beat: a record 43 medals stripped due to doping. On December 9, 2019, the World Anti-Doping Agency decided it had had enough and banned Russia from the all international sports competition, including the Olympics, for four years. (Russia previously was banned from the 2018 Games.) This means the country can't compete in either the 2020 Tokyo Games or the Winter Games in Beijing in 2022.

GAMES FOR ALL

The Canada Games has long prided itself on being more progressive than other sports associations. On February 18, 2019, the organization announced it would allow athletes to compete as their identified gender. Its new policy states the organization recognizes that "sex and gender are not the same thing," and that it aims to create "a safe and welcoming environment for transgender or intersex participants at the Canada Games."

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A RECORD-SETTING WIN

On June 13, 2019, the Toronto Raptors beat the Golden State Warriors in Game 6 of the NBA playoffs, winning their first championship in the team's 24-season history. The Raptors became the first Canadian team to win an NBA title, as well as the first sports team in the country to win a major league championship since the Toronto Blue Jays won two World Series back to back in 1992 and 1993. Fans immediately took to the streets in celebration, and a parade held in the team's honour a few days later drew, by some estimates, two million fans.

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BIANCA ANDREESCU RISES TO THE TOP

Canadian tennis star Bianca Andreescu had a breakout year in 2019. She quickly rose through the ranks of the Women's Tennis Association, finishing runner-up at the Auckland Open, reaching the second round of the Australian Open, and winning a WTA 125K title at the Oracle Challenger Series in Newport Beach. On October 21, 2019, she became the top-ranked player on the WTA Tour. But her crowning achievement came on September 7, when she won her first Grand Slam title at the U.S. Open by defeating Serena Williams, making Andreescu the first Canadian to win a Grand Slam singles title and the No. 5 ranked player in the world. Andreescu also became the first tennis player to win the Lou Marsh Trophy, an award given annually by a panel of Canadian sportswriters to the person deemed Canada's top athlete.

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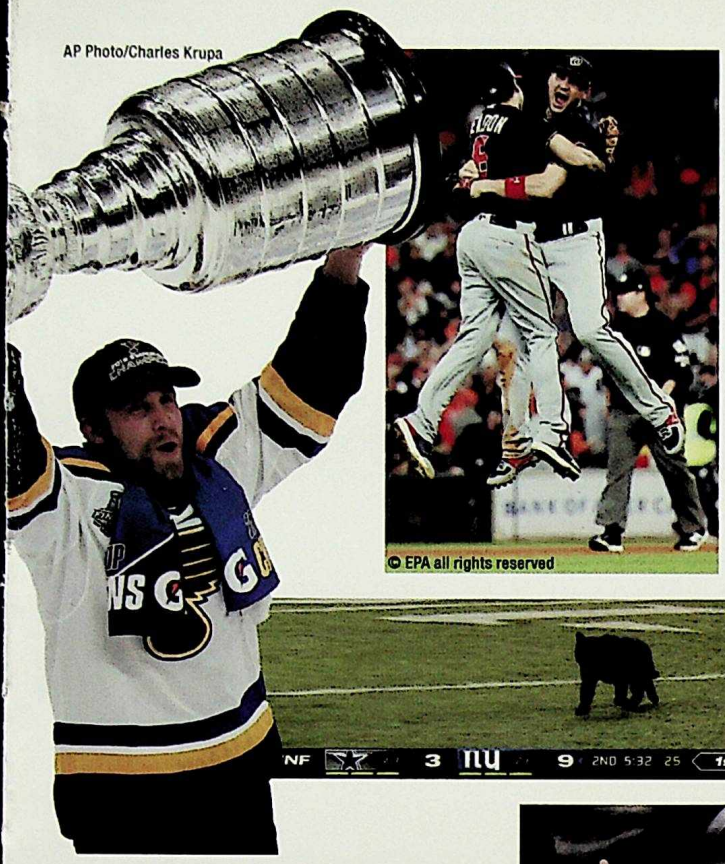

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TWO FIRST MAJOR LEAGUE WINS

The sporting world saw two big firsts in 2019, one of which was long overdue. The St. Louis Blues, Philadelphia's 52-year-old NHL franchise, started the year in dead last place out of 31 teams. Thanks to rookie goalie Jordan Binnington and a solid defence, the Blues fought their way to the Stanley Cup finals, defeating the Boston Bruins on their home ice to capture their first league win. Meanwhile, D.C. saw its first World Series victory in nearly a century, when the Washington Nationals beat the Houston Astros in the seventh game of the World Series, taking home the team's first pennant in its 15-season history.

2019 WINS

World Series:
Washington Nationals (over Houston Astros)

Super Bowl:
New England Patriots (over Los Angeles Rams)

NBA Final:
Toronto Raptors (over Golden State Warriors)

Stanley Cup:
St. Louis Blues (over Boston Bruins)

Courtesy ESPN

EVEN FOOTBALL FANS LOVE CAT VIDEOS

A black cat covered more ground more quickly than any player during a November 4, 2019, NFL game between the Dallas Cowboys and the New York Giants. The cat, reportedly a stray that lives in the bleachers of MetLife Stadium, was spotted on the field during the second quarter, stopping play and captivating viewers of Monday Night Football.

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

Mike Babcock had a solid coaching record: He took the Detroit Red Wings to Stanley Cup victory in 2008, got the Anaheim Mighty Ducks to the finals in 2003, and helped the Canadian men's hockey team win Olympic gold in 2010 and 2014. But he had obviously never encountered a challenge like the Toronto Maple Leafs, a team that hasn't won the Stanley Cup since 1967. When Babcock signed a $50-million, eight-year contract with the Leafs in 2015, hopes of success were high. But Babcock was unable to get the team past the first round of playoffs in three seasons. He was fired on November 20, 2019, after a six-game losing streak.

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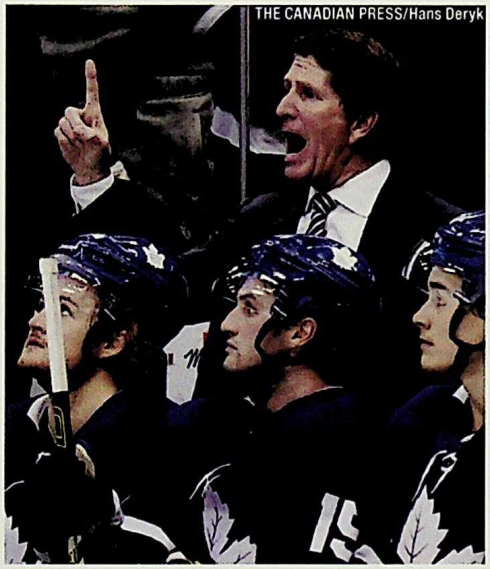

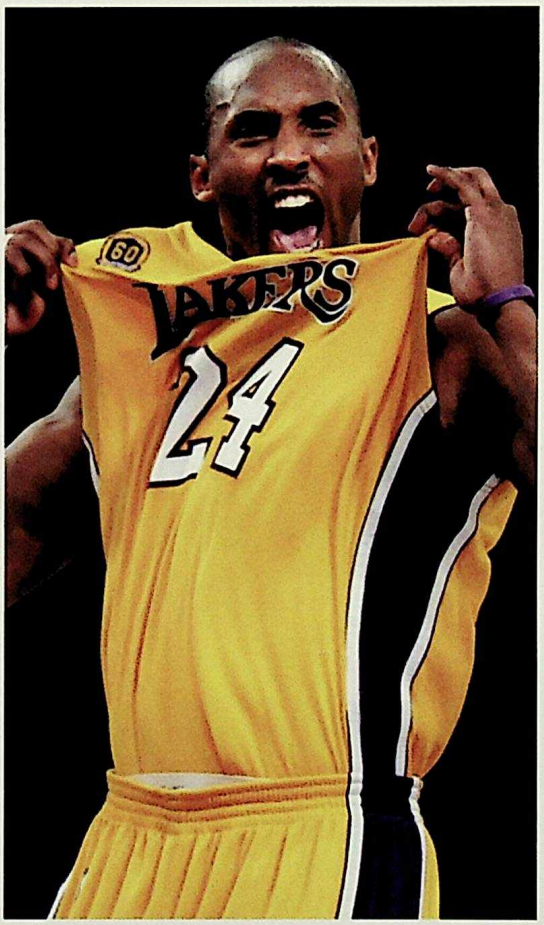

A SAD DAY FOR BASKETBALL

On January 28, 2020, a helicopter carrying basketball legend Kobe Bryant, his 13-year-old daughter Gianna, and six family friends crashed into the side of a mountain north of Los Angeles, killing everyone aboard, including the pilot. The exact cause of the crash wasn't immediately known, but the copter was flying in extreme fog that hampered visibility. The L.A. Lakers, Bryant's team for his entire 20-year NBA career, paid an emotional tribute a few days later during a memorial game against the Portland Trailblazers, featuring performances by Usher and Boys II Men.

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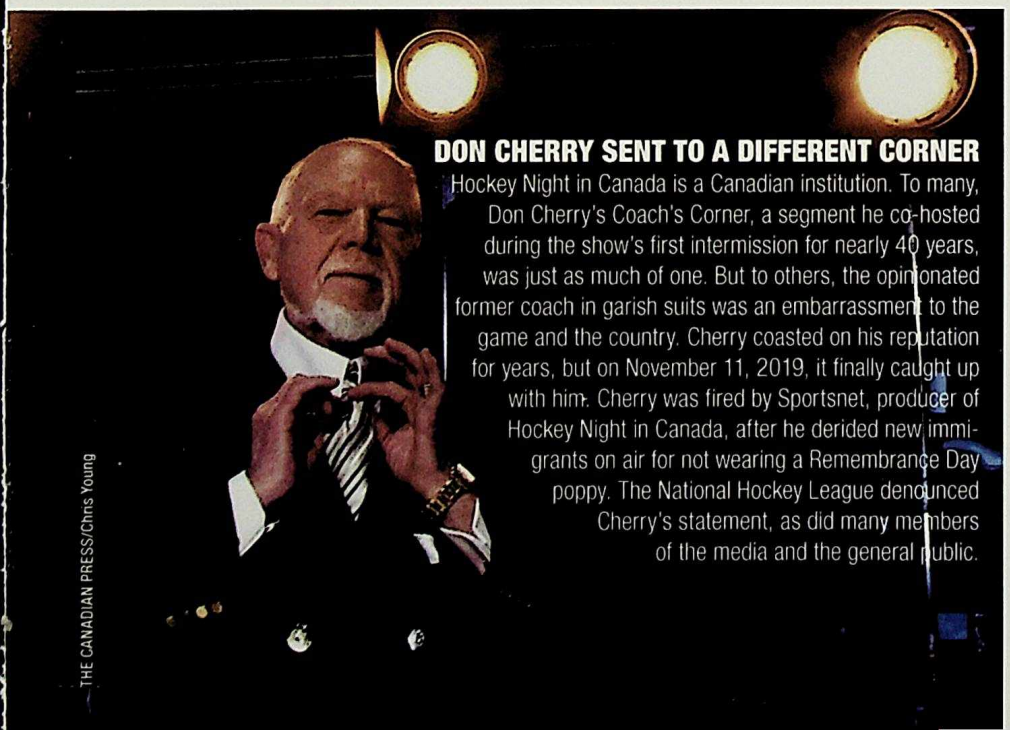

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DON CHERRY SENT TO A DIFFERENT CORNER

Hockey Night in Canada is a Canadian institution. To many, Don Cherry's Coach's Corner, a segment he co-hosted during the show's first intermission for nearly 40 years, was just as much of one. But to others, the opinionated former coach in garish suits was an embarrassment to the game and the country. Cherry coasted on his reputation for years, but on November 11, 2019, it finally caught up with him. Cherry was fired by Sportsnet, producer of Hockey Night in Canada, after he derided new immigrants on air for not wearing a Remembrance Day poppy. The National Hockey League denounced Cherry's statement, as did many members of the media and the general public.

science

MEET THE NEW NEIGHBORS

Oops. Any Star Trek fan can tell you that introducing an alien species to foreign planets is a no-no. But that's exactly what happened in April 2019, when an Israeli lander crashed on the surface of the moon, stranding thousands of microscopic dehydrated tardigrades, also known as water bears. In most cases, this wouldn't be a problem, but water bears have already proven to be considerably resilient and able to survive the vacuum of space. If anyone crashes a glass of water next to them, they might be greeting us on our next visit.

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HOPE FOR A CURE

On March 5, 2019, it was announced that an HIV-positive patient was showing no evidence of the disease after receiving a stem-cell transplant that replaced infected white blood cells with HIV-resistant ones. The patient, who remained unidentified, had been off their antiretroviral treatment drugs for 18 months and continued to show no signs of the disease returning. A similar treatment was undertaken a decade ago on a patient who also remains free of HIV. Scientists say it is too early to say whether this new patient is definitely HIV free, but it is the most hope they've had of curing the disease to date.

TESLA CYBERTRUCK UNVEILING GOES WRONG

Tesla CEO Elon Musk hoped the company's new Cybertruck would make a splash at its November 2019 unveiling. Unfortunately, the launch of the electric battery-powered light commercial vehicle might end up being remembered less for the Cybertruck's demonstrated speed and sustainability than for the failure of its armored glass window during an onstage test. The window had passed at least one earlier test before the unveiling, but when Tesla's design chief threw a metal ball at the glass, it shattered in front of the assembled media and invited guests. Production of the Cybertruck is expected to begin in 2021.

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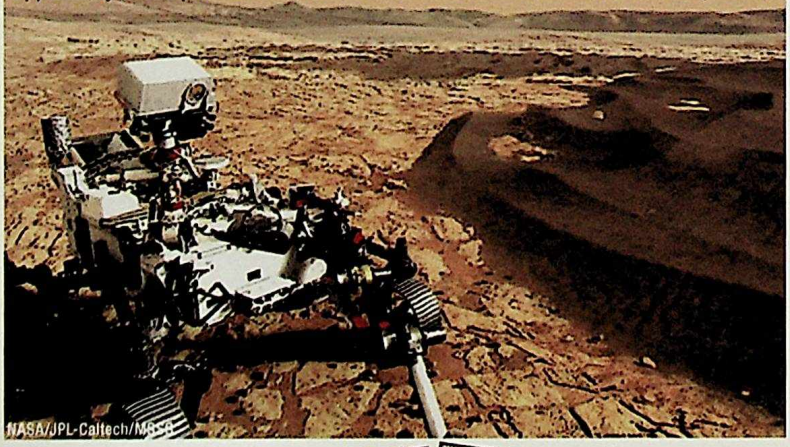
OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS OFF

Opportunity, the flat-topped rover that charmed space exploration fans when it landed on the surface of Mars 15 years ago, was built to last just 90 Martian days and travel no more than 1,100 yards. Not only did it exceed its expected lifespan 60 times over, it traveled a lifetime total of 28 miles over the planet's surface. Opportunity went quiet in 2018 in the appropriately named Perseverance Valley, following a severe dust storm. At first NASA hoped the rover might reboot, but eventually it announced the completion of Opportunity's mission on February 13, 2019. The information collected by Opportunity will help NASA undertake an eventual manned mission to the red planet.



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A NATURE EMERGENCY

A report delivered by the United Nations in May 2019—written by hundreds of experts from more than 50 countries—said up to one million species on Earth are currently threatened with extinction, some within the next few decades. The report called the number "unprecedented in human history," and blames human intrusion into natural habitats. It warns that an decreased biodiversity could take away many of the resources humans need to survive, such as trees and plants.

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